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A former general attorney for Immigration and Naturalization Services for 10 years and one of the richest Filipino-Americans said yesterday that jobless foreign workers should not fear deportation from the CNMI after Nov. 27, 2011, without having their case heard by immigration court, especially if they have U.S. citizen children, spouse or parents, have not committed a crime, or have not received social welfare, among other things.

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Speaker: Special ethics committee to look into Palacios matter

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House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) will appoint a seven-member Special Committee on Ethics that will look into reports of drug-related issues involving Rep. Raymond D. Palacios (Cov-Saipan) and come up with recommendations if warranted.

Palacios

Cabrera said he is appointing House Floor Leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) as chair of the Special Committee on Ethics today.

"As speaker, I can't just turn my back on this. I believe it is the right thing for me to do, to appoint a Special Committee on Ethics that will look into the reports about Congressman Palacios. We would like clarification on this. We would like to get to the bottom of this," Cabrera said in a phone interview yesterday.

Camacho, in a separate in-

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Libyans bury Gadhafi in secret location

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MISRATA, Libya (AP)—Long-time Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, his son Muatassim and a top aide were buried in an Islamic ceremony at dawn Tuesday in a secret location, with a few relatives and officials in attendance, officials said.

The burial closed the book on Gadhafi's nearly 42-year rule and the 8-month civil war to oust him, but did not silence international calls for an investigation into whether the widely despised tyrant was executed by his captors.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman said an explosion rocked a fuel depot near Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte on Monday and that there were casualties. Col. Ahmed Bani said the blast is being treated as an accident, but that an investigation has been launched.

A human rights researcher, Tirana Hassan, said that while in Sirte on Monday, said she saw

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SESSION BREAK

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), right, and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), second from right, confer with Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials led by executive director Abe Malae, second from left, during a session break last week. Cabrera said yesterday he will ask House members to voluntarily undergo drug testing, the same request that Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) will again ask senators but only if the House also does it this time. All the senators submitted themselves to drug testing last year, and all came back negative. ***See related story on Page 3.***

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Camacho is Tanapag Elementary School's most outstanding teacher

»Six other employees honored for excellence

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A 36-year-old mother of three was named Tanapag Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

Veronica Camacho was selected by her peers to represent the school in the Public School System-wide search for the CNMI's Teacher of the Year for school year 2011-2012.

A kindergarten teacher, Camacho joined the Tataga family in 2006. This is her sixth year and the first award she got from her Tanapag family.

Saipan Tribune learned that prior to joining Tanapag, she spent three years at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, starting out as a teacher aide and eventually becoming a classroom teacher. Camacho was hailed GTC's Teacher Aide of the Year and Teacher of the Year awardee in the years she spent with the school.

"It's very surprising that I was selected for the honor and I am very happy because I have lots of good colleagues who are very helpful in meeting the needs of our students," she said yesterday.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Tanapag Elementary School educational awardees gather for a group photo yesterday. From left are Maintenance Staff of the Year Juan Somol, Teacher Aide of the Year Lucia Lieto, Instructor of the Year Yoana Achen, Teacher of the Year Veronica Camacho, Librarian of the Year Elena Parico, Councilor of the Year Shimiko Montgomery, and Support Staff of the Year Antonio Kikuo.

When asked what satisfaction she gets from mentoring children, she said: "As soon as they leave the classroom every day, I know they learned something from me….and I feel proud and satisfied every time I hear them sharing what they have learned from school. Just seeing the progress in them is really a big success for me."

Named Teacher Aide of the Year was Lucia Lieto, who is with the school's special education program. The 49-year-old employee has been with the Tanapag school for 18 years now. This is her third time to be recognized with the award, the last one being in 2006.

"I love working with children and seeing them grow is truly rewarding for a teacher… because you know that you're making a difference in their lives," she said.

Antonio Kikuo, the school's longtime school aide, was honored as the Support Staff of the Year. This outstanding employee has been with PSS for more than 10 years now.

He first served the system as assistant for the CCLHS program for three years until he moved to Oleai Elementary School as its school aide for three years. This year is his fourth at Tanapag Elementary School where he has been twice selected as its Teacher Aide of the Year, the first time in 2009.

"I feel honored but at the same time, I was not really expecting to win [any award]," he said.

Tanapag bestowed its Instructor of the Year award on Yoana Achen, who has been with the school for over 20 years. She was first assigned at the CCLHS program as a teacher aide until she obtained certification and became an instructor. She has been twice named the school's Teacher Aide of the Year. This year marks her first time to be recognized as its Instructor of the Year.

"I am happy and proud of myself," she said, expressing her gratitude to her peers for the recognition. Achen has been instrumental in bringing numerous recognitions to the school from different language competitions.

"I am a strong believer in our culture…and I will continue to preserve and promote it to our students," said this mother of six.

Named Maintenance Staff of the Year was Juan Somol, who has been working for Tanapag for 20 years. This is his sixth time to be given this recognition since joining the Tataga family in 1991. Tanapag praised the 54-year-old employee for his creativity and resourcefulness, which brings substantial savings to the school by doing repairs and fixing minor problems.

Tanapag also hailed Elena R. Parico as its Librarian of the Year. This outstanding employee has been with PSS for nine years now, first as librarian at Hopwood Junior High School where she spent six years and won the school's Support Staff of the Year award twice. This year's award is her first from Tanapag since she started working for the school in 2008. Parico also served as school librarian in the Philippines for 19 years prior to joining PSS.

Joining the school's lineup of education awardees is Shimiko Montgomery, who was bestowed the Councilor of the Year award.

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Lawmakers will be asked to voluntarily undergo drug testing

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House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) separately said yesterday they will ask their respective members to voluntarily submit to drug testing to remove suspicion in anyone's mind about lawmakers, on the heels of Rep. Ray Palacios' (Cov-Saipan) statements to the media that he might have used drugs or might have gotten drugs for a family member in the past.

Palacios said yesterday he does not have any comments at this time, when asked whether he would submit himself to drug testing. Palacios is chairman of the House Committee on Education.

"Just make sure it's the truth. That's all I have to say," he told *Saipan Tribune*, when informed that there are other stories related to drug use allegations that will come out.

Last year, for the first time in CNMI history, all nine senators in the 17th Legislature underwent mandatory drug testing as required in the Senate Rules, which they amended and adopted in January 2010. All results came back negative.

Manglona said he will again ask senators to submit themselves to drug testing this year but only if House members will also do it.

Cabrera, when asked for comment on drug testing, said he will ask House members to voluntarily submit themselves to drug tests. He said as a role model, he will be the first one to submit himself to drug test as early as today.

"I will also ask the members to do the same. I will ask them during the next session," Cabrera told *Saipan Tribune.*

Cabrera's plan was supported by some lawmakers who were asked for comment yesterday, including House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), who will head a seven-member Special Committee on Ethics that will look into drug-related issues surrounding Palacios.

"I have no problem with that. I don't think we're doing drug testing in the House," Camacho said.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) separately said they will also submit themselves to drug testing should the speaker asks them to.

"I'm not worried," said Yumul, a reservist. "Military reserve personnel get randomly tested once a year. You don't know when it will be."

The Senate president said random drug testing is one thing that the Legislature should consider among lawmakers every year. He said the Legislative Bureau should also follow up on an earlier proposal to do random drug testing.

Last year, Senate floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) challenged House members to undergo drug tests just like what all nine senators did. But no House member voluntarily submitted themselves to drug tests last year.

Unlike the Senate, the House's own rules do not require drug testing among members.

Man hired as CUC manager had been fired by ex-employer

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David P. Preston, who was hired by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. last year but left Saipan and never came back after working for only six days and getting an advance of $15,504, was actually terminated by his previous employer, according to unsealed court papers.

The indictment, which charged Preston with four counts of wire fraud, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Sept. 15, 2011.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona unsealed the case yesterday after the U.S. government notified the court that Preston had already been arrested in Texas on Oct. 4, 2011, and that there is no further reason for the proceedings to remain silent.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick A. Black stated in the indictment that Preston misrepresented his prior employment history when he applied for the job as CUC's Drinking Water and Wastewater Division manager for $75,000 a year.

Black said that Preston falsely stated in his employment application to CUC that he had not been fired for any reason in the last five years.

Preston allegedly lied that he left the DZSP-21 company, where he claimed to have been employed from December 2006 to November 2008, after his contract ended.

Black said that Preston had in fact been terminated from DZ-SP-21 on Oct. 7, 2008, effective immediately, "due to lack of improvement in his management/ leadership skills and particularly ethical deportment."

Black said that CUC relied on this false information and hired Preston.

"Had the CUC known that [Preston] provided false information on his employment application, the defendant would not have been offered the job based on the application alone and serious additional inquiry would have been conducted," Black said.

CUC then spent about $28,000 for Preston's salary, flights, and moving expenses, he added.

As part of the scheme to defraud CUC, Black said, the defendant directed CUC to send him funds for his travel and moving expenses and for the airline tickets for himself and his family members.

About $8,500 was sent to Preston's account with First Hawaiian Bank on Dec. 15, 2010, followed by $7,004 on Dec. 17, 2010.

Preston further advised CUC that he prefers to purchase his airline tickets from his MasterCard so that he could gain both miles and family air ticket purchase mileage on this debit card.

"In fact the defendant had plans to convert these sums of money to his own purposes that had nothing to do with his flight purchase or his moving expenses," Black said.

The four counts of wire fraud were allegedly committed when Preston sent a fax transmission of his application to CUC on Aug. 10, 2010; his email to a CUC staff requesting fund transfer on Dec. 15, 2010; and the wire transfer of funds from CUC to his bank account in the amount of $8,500 and $7,004 on Dec. 15 and 17, 2010.

CUC has a pending lawsuit in the Superior Court against Preston to recover $28,155.85 in total damages that CUC incurred to hire the defendant.

OPA to comment on leaked report next week

Public Auditor Michael Pai said yesterday that the Office of the Public Auditor "will prepare appropriate comments" next week related to last week's leak of an OPA report concerning attorney general Edward Buckingham.

The OPA report concluded that Buckingham's actions "violated criminal prohibitions" of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Commonwealth Election Act when he hosted a campaign party for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho at the governor's house in Gualo Rai on Aug. 28, 2010.

Pai said he has been on compassionate leave since last week when his father passed away. The funeral is this week. Pai is expected to be back next week.

Buckingham and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial expressed concerns on Monday that Pai, who they said has a duty to maintain confidentiality, has been silent about the unauthorized release of a confidential OPA report.

Fitial has not authorized the release of the OPA report since its completion in December 2010.

Buckingham said the release of the report without the governor's permission is unlawful. He also said it's not appropriate to comment on a report that was unlawfully released. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will partner with Guam's Procurement Technical Assistance Center to present a series of workshops that will teach CNMI small business companies how to access contracts with the federal government. The first sessions will begin on Nov. 9 on Tinian, and Nov. 10 on Saipan.

The workshops will be held on Saipan on Nov. 10, Jan. 6, Feb. 17, April 13, May 25, and July 6. The workshop presentations will be conducted by Boris Hertslet, senior procurement counselor for PTAC and Bank of Guam, East West Business Center. The Tinian workshops will be a day before each Saipan session.

The Nov. 10 three-hour session from 9am to 12pm will include a PTAC orientation, the first steps of federal contracting, and the federal registrations process. This workshop will include obtaining DUNS numbers and registering in the CCR, as well as maintaining and updating your CCR, SBA profile and ORCA.

The succeeding workshops will include instruction in basic business documents for federal contracting and developing a capabilities statement (Jan. 6, 2012), government subcontracting and teaming and joint ventures (Feb. 17, 2012), FedBizOpps: understanding government solicitations and responding to RFP's (May 13, 2012), HUBZone application process and 8(a) application process (June 25, 2012) and women owned small business (WOSB): The New Program (July 6, 2012.

SCC members will be charged only $10 for each workshop they attend, with one representative per SCC member allowed at $10. All others, including non-SCC members, will be charged $20 per attendee. Seating is limited to 35 participants.

Call SCC at 233-7150/233-233-7152, or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com, to register for the workshops starting Nov. 10 on Saipan. ***(SCC)***

HOPWOOD STUCO OFFICERS MONETH G. DEPOSA

The newly elected officers of the Hopwood Junior High School's Student Council gather for a group photo after their first general assembly last week on campus where they mapped out their plans for the entire school year.

SPEAKER

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terview, said he is accepting the appointment as committee chair.

Palacios, when asked again yesterday, said he does not want to further comment on the issue at this time.

Palacios belied on Monday information that he was arrested by the FBI or any other authorities in connection with "ice." He also said he is not selling "ice," amid information to the contrary that circulated in the community Monday afternoon.

But Palacios, chairman of the House Committee on Education, also said he might have used drugs in the past, and that there were times in the past when he would help a family member get drugs, something that he said he shouldn't have done.

The House speaker said he was surprised to read Palacios' comments.

"As an elected official, I was surprised to read what he said if he really said that. I share the pain of the family reading what he said in the news. We want to clarify things, and that is why I'm appointing a special committee to look into this," the speaker said.

The speaker said he asked Palacios on Monday about the information that was circulating in the community about his alleged arrest, but he said that Palacios told him those were untrue. Palacios was at the Legislature yesterday.

JOBLESS

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Attorney Loida Nicolas Lewis, chair of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance who has written books on U.S. immigration law, also wrote an Oct. 24 letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano requesting that alien workers in the CNMI "be granted deferred status with work permits so that they have legal status beyond the Nov. 27, 2011 deadline."

In her four-page letter to Napolitano, Lewis said another important factor that has to be taken into consideration is the "Morton memo."

The "Morton memo" directs Immigration and Customs Enforcement attorneys and employees to "exercise prosecutorial discretion" and refrain from going after non-citizens with close family ties in the U.S., among other things, unless they are criminals or pose a clear risk to national security.

Lewis said that based on the list of factors to consider when exercising prosecutorial discretion, the following can be applicable to aliens in the CNMI: the person's length of presence in the U.S., with particular consideration given to presence while in lawful status; the circumstances of the person's arrival in the U.S. and the manner of his or her entry, particularly if the alien came to the United States as a young child, among other things.

Lewis granted interviews to Saipan reporters and addressed KWAW radio listeners yesterday on the issue of deportation and U.S. immigration system.

"To all of those who are listening, what I'm trying to tell you is know your rights," she said on KWAW Magic 100.3 FM.

She said after Nov. 27, foreigners would receive an "order to show cause why you should not be deported."

She said these individuals should be able to tell an immigration judge their "equities," including having U.S. citizen children—especially if they are in the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and other branches of the U.S. military, "you have a big stake in this country even in the CNMI because you are a territory of the United States."

These also include having U.S. citizen mother, father, spouses, sisters, brothers; having been a good member of the community and with no criminal record; not receiving welfare; have paid taxes; and have legally stayed in the CNMI for many years.

"There is such a thing as rule of law… Immigration court should hear your case and they have the discretion as the prosecutor to decide whether your case is strong enough because you have American citizen children, American citizen wife, or American citizen mother, even American citizen brothers and sisters. You have been a good citizen, you are not a felon, you did not commit any crime, you did not go to welfare [or did not receive] supplemental income. Your [U.S. citizen] child may have received food stamp but that is their right to receive food stamp," she said.

Hundreds of nonresidents have found themselves jobless because of the weakening CNMI economy. And because the final worker regulations were released only on Sept. 7, long-term aliens said that that won't give them much time to look for another job by the Nov. 27 deadline.

Lewis told radio listeners who have the equities she mentioned to not be afraid.

"Our court system in the United States, even in the CNMI, is based on the rule of law and so you are covered by that…Please don't have any fear. You are under protection of the law and Constitution of the United States," she added.

Lewis is a Filipino-born, New York-based industrialist, philanthropist, civil leader, motivational speaker, author and lawyer.

She was the first Asian-American to pass the American Bar without having been educated in the United States. She earned a law degree from the University of the Philippines College of Law.

Lewis also said that Filipino workers in the CNMI can write a letter to Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig to ask for support to hire an immigration attorney. She said the Department of Foreign Affairs can grant $10,000 for legal assistance to distressed Filipinos abroad.

Macaraig, in a separate phone interview with *Saipan Tribune*, said it's still premature to seek legal assistance. He said nobody is facing deportation yet as a result of the final worker rule, among other things.

But he said DFA does provide legal assistance but mostly on labor issues, not immigration. However, Macaraig said it will still depend on the circumstances.

Lewis, in responding to a question on parole, said people who ask for parole and give their names and addresses may be making it easier for immigration to find them.

"Wait until after Nov. 27, and wait for them to send you [an order to show cause why you should not be deported]," she said.

She said she supports Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's H.R. 1466, which grants CNMI-only resident status to four groups of people, as well as a lawsuit filed by alien workers last week to stop federal officials from implementing the CNMI-only Transitional Worker final rule.

LIBYANS

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11 people with severe burns arrive at the city's Ibn Sina hospital. Nurses said the injuries were from the blast.

The bodies of Gadhafi, Muatassim and former Defense Minster Abu Bakr Younis were removed overnight from the commercial freezer in Misrata where they'd been on display for four days. They were then buried at dawn Tuesday, according to Ibrahim Beitalmal, a spokesman for the military council in Misrata. Bani also confirmed the burial.

In a text message, Beitalmal said Islamic prayers were read over the bodies and that relatives and members of the local and military councils of Misrata attended the funeral. Beitalmal could not immediately reached by phone Tuesday to provide further details.

On Monday, Beitalmal said the three would be buried in unmarked graves to prevent vandalism. Presumably, the location would also be kept hidden to prevent it from turning into a shrine for Gadhafi loyalists.

International organizations asking to see the burial site would be given access, Beitalmal said.

The three bodies had been held in cold storage in Misrata since the dictator and members of his entourage were captured near his hometown of Sirte on Thursday after their convoy came under attack by NATO. For days, Misratans had lined up to see the bodies, donning surgical masks to cover the stench from the bodies.

Over the weekend, Libya's chief pathologist, Dr. Othman el-Zentani, performed autopsies on the three bodies and also took DNA samples to confirm their identities. El-Zentani has said Gadhafi died from a shot to the head, and said the full report would be released later this week, after he presents his findings to the attorney general.

Gadhafi and Muatassim were captured alive, with some injuries, but died in unclear circumstances later that day.

Responding to mounting international pressure, Libya's interim leaders have promised an investigation to establish whether Gadhafi was killed in an execution-style slaying after being captured alive Thursday by fighters in his hometown of Sirte or whether he died in the crossfire as government officials have suggested. Video footage showed him being beaten and abused by a mob after his capture.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch said there are strong indications that Gadhafi was killed in custody.

Hassan, a researcher for the group, said she spoke Monday to a 30-year-old Sirte resident who had traveled in the convoy that tried to smuggle Gadhafi out of Sirte.

Hassan quoted the woman as saying that Gadhafi did not sustain serious injuries during the NATO strike on the convoy.

The woman said the former Libyan leader and members of his entourage left their vehicle after the attack and took cover for about three hours in an abandoned building. Gadhafi then left the hideout with a small group on foot, and they were captured a short while later, Hassan quoted the woman as saying.

NMI Scholarship Office board cuts financial awards by 42 pct.

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Recipients of NMI Scholarship Office grants will see a significant cut in their financial assistance starting this fall semester.

The scholarship board approved Monday a 42-percent cut in the grant amounts being awarded under the Educational Assistance Program, or EAP award, one of the two scholarship grants being offered by the office.

From the previous year's $1,200, the amount was slashed to $700 per student per semester starting this new semester. The policy change was due to the high number of applications received for the fall 2011 semester, totaling to 1,100.

NMI Scholarship Office administrator Jackie Che told *Saipan Tribune* that the decision was adopted during Monday's board meeting on Capital Hill.

She said letters to recipients, indicating the changed amounts, are now being prepared for release.

Che said the board intends to increase the number of EAP scholars and her office aims to approve 750 applications this semester.

As of yesterday, 395 EAP applications from NMC have so far been approved for assistance this fall semester, Che said. A total of 320 applications from off-island have also been found eligible for the EAP awards. This brings to 715 the total number of applications approved for EAP this semester.

Che projects that about 800 scholars will benefit from NMI Scholarship Office awards this semester, of which about 30 will be under the honor scholarship program.

Under the honor scholarship program, Che said that three new applicants have so far been approved while a couple of applications are still being reviewed.

Saipan Tribune learned that the board did not make any changes to the honor scholarship program, which provides up to $15,000 in annual assistance to eligible students.

"We're going to take a different stance this year where we will try to be really responsible in releasing the full $15,000 amount [to honor scholars]," she said, adding that there are 30 scholars currently under the honor scholarship program.

Compared to EAP, the honors scholarship requires a very high grade point average that scholars must maintain every semester. Not everybody under the program receives the full $15,000 because school expenses have to be certified by the school's financial aid counselor, which the CNMI Scholarship Office verifies.

The EAP, on the other hand, is open to eligible students and requires a 2.25 cumulative GPA at a minimum and enrollment in 12 units or more for the semester.

Che disclosed that a large amount of the money budgeted for her office this fiscal year will go to NMC for the financial assistance of scholars under both the EAP and honor programs.

The NMI Scholarship Office has a $2-million budget this fiscal year.

Che disclosed that $900,000 will be used to pay for the financial assistance of off-island scholars for both EAP and honor programs.

She said the $2 million is "not enough" but vowed to work within budget.

"I've seen a decline in the budget every year and I can say that it's not enough because of the high increase in the number of students who want to pursue higher education…but we will work with what little we have. This is why changes are being made in the regulation to see how we could support our students in a very responsible way," Che said, adding that her office is "heading in the direction of giving money to students who really need it."

Healthcare corp. eyes streamlining measures

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Newly installed healthcare corporation chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta said that he will be streamlining many areas to cut unnecessary expenses. However, he could not say for now what these measures are, citing the need for complete data and assessment of all functions and programs under the corporation.

"There [is] going to be some streamlining…but until we know what we got, I cannot say it for now," he said after Monday's swearing-in at the Office of the Governor.

Babauta said the $5 million seed money allocated for the corporation will go straight to personnel salaries, which alone amounts to $10 million annually. "We're spending around $10 million on salaries alone so obviously this is a major concern in terms of budget and revenues. We need money to be able to pay our people and the $5 million will go straight to personnel salaries," he told *Saipan Tribune*. The corporation employs about 600 personnel.

Babauta also disclosed that all positions will go through a process of announcement and application to make sure recruits are highly qualified. Appointments for the resident director position will not happen anymore as individuals will now have to apply for the post.

Babauta refused to comment about nurses hired by manpower agencies, pending review of the matter.

There are less than 10 nurses assigned at Rota Health Center who were hired through a manpower agency.

Since Oct. 1, all functions and programs under the Department of Public Health were absorbed by the corporation.

Babauta said that except for the off-island medical referral program, the healthcare corporation will be responsible for all functions, including the federally funded Medicaid program. The off-island medical referral program is now under the Governor's Office, he said.

This early, the health chief admits finding a "conflict of interest" if the corporation will handle the Medicaid program. He said he will recommend an amendment to the healthcare corporation law to transfer the program outside the corporation.

"Public Law 16-51 is not perfect. There are things we can go back to and recommend legislative changes. One of them is the Medicaid program, which should not belong to the corporation for some reasons," said Babauta.

The corporation will operate as a business entity and will bill the government for Medicaid clients.

Manglona presides over 1st jury trial as District Court chief judge

Ramona Villagomez Manglona presided yesterday in her first jury trial as chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Manglona's first jury trial is an immigration fraud case involving Dongjun Li, a 38-year-old Chinese national who allegedly tried to sneak into a Los Angeles-bound flight using fake papers. Assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum is prosecuting the case, while court-appointed attorney Mark Scoggins is counsel for Li.

Manglona's first hearing as District Court's chief judge was an arraignment on Aug. 4, 2011, that also involved the same defendant and the same lawyers.

Manglona was sworn-in as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI during a private ceremony on July 30.

Manglona, 44, the first female federal judge for the District Court for the NMI, was appointed to a 10-year term.

At yesterday's trial, the U.S. government called to the witness stand a Delta Air Lines personnel who narrated to the court how she noticed the fake travel documents that Li turned in at the Saipan International Airport on July 15, 2011.

The personnel said that she noticed several misspelled words and a questionable signature in Li's documents.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom, Raymond Salas, a staff of the U.S. Custom and Border Protection, was still on the witness stand.

The trial will continue today, Wednesday, at 9am. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Suspected 'ice' supplier arrested anew

A joint Department of Public Safety Drug Enforcement Task Force Unit arrested in Garapan Thursday a suspected supplier of methamphetamine or "ice."

Yiming Xu was taken to the Superior Court on Friday for trafficking of controlled substance and illegal possession of controlled substance. Bail was set at $100,000 cash. Preliminary hearing is today, Wednesday.

Detective Steven A. Castro stated in his report that a cooperating source had told him and another detective that Xu, also known as Dofi and Tax, sells "ice."

Castro said the Task Force managed to buy $100 worth of "ice" from Xu using their confidential source at the suspect's house in Garapan on Oct. 18.

The detective learned that Xu was arrested twice in the past for the same charges. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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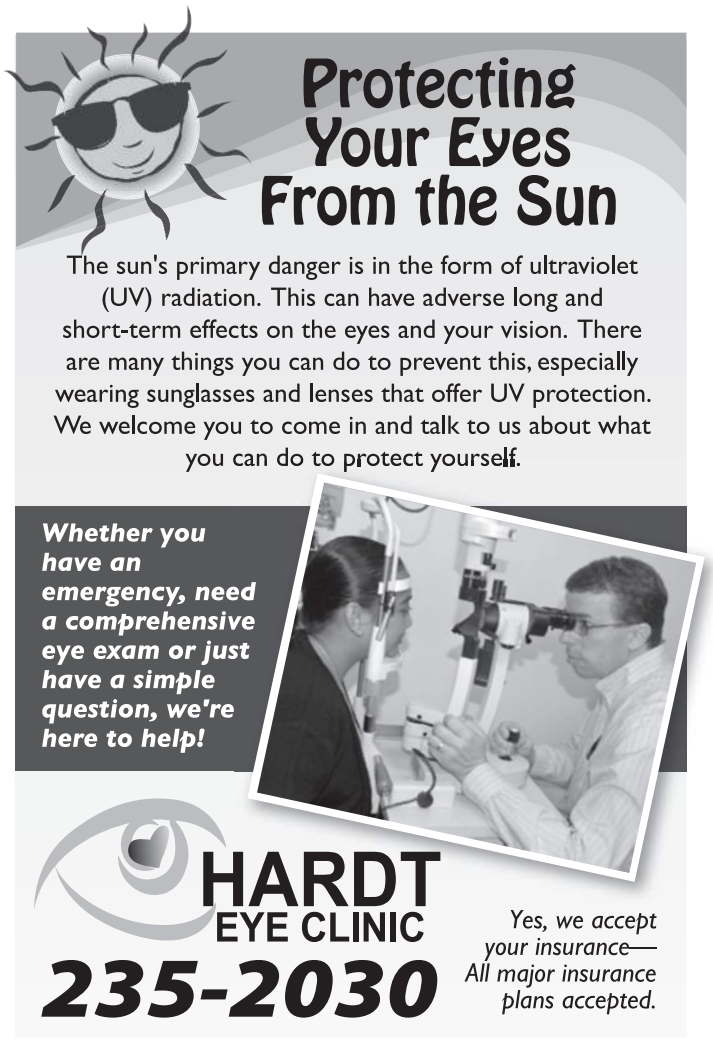
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'Assistive technologies can either be high-tech or low-tech'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

A visiting professor from Hawaii emphasized the importance of being aware about the different assistive technologies that are available for people with disabilities.

"If somebody has a disability and can't do something, what can we use around us to create a form of assistive technology to help them?" University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies associate professor Kelly D. Roberts said in an interview on Monday.

Roberts is one of the presenters at the 2011 CNMI Assistive Technology Symposium held at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

Roberts

An assistive technology device is "any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities."

Roberts, who is also the director of the Pacific Basin University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the Northern Marianas College and American Samoa Community College, said that assistive technology refers to both high-tech and low-tech devices.

According to Roberts, the public should "not always look into" high-tech devices alone. Instead, she encouraged people to become "increasingly aware of the technologies that are out there" and even use human ingenuity "to create things and enable ourselves to help using what we have around us."

Roberts, who has visited CNMI several times in the last three to four years, noted an increase in awareness in the community regarding assistive technology.

"It seems to me as though it is increasing and I'm so happy to see the different agencies come in together and working collaboratively," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Collaboration among different agencies, Roberts said, is very important and for this to happen in the CNMI "is a step definitely in the right direction."

Roberts said that agencies working together can help on many levels such as sharing of expenses and service providers.

"A lot more can get done when you're doing it as a team. If everybody is doing everything individually, then things are done in isolation and you don't even have sometimes a complete package of support for an individual with disabilities," she explained.

Ray Diaz of the CNMI Council for Developmental Disabilities said the 2011 Assistive Technology Symposium is a collaboration among partner agencies, including the council, the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc., Trangkilu Alternative Financing Program, University Centers for Excellence and Developmental Disabilities, and the Coalition for Anti-Stigma on Mental Health Group.

Some 50 individuals and about seven assistive technology vendors participated in the symposium held in celebration of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Diaz said they will also bring the symposium to Tinian today at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino and to Rota at the Rota Resort on Friday.

"We just hope that more people from our community come out and participate. It's a free event and this is something that they can learn about assistive technology devices and equipment because not all of us are aware that it's there and it's right in front of us but we don't know it," he added.

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One hurt in BB gun attack

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A man allegedly opened fire with a BB gun or air gun at a hotel's barracks in San Antonio early Friday morning, hitting and injuring one person.

Paul M. Alvarez was hit with a pellet on the stomach. The police report did not state if the pellet pierced the flesh and if he was treated for his injury.

Juan Seman Cabrera, 52, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was initially set at $10,000 cash. A bail hearing was set yesterday afternoon in the Superior Court.

Detective Raymond B. Borja stated in his report that Cabrera, accompanied by another man, had shown up at the employees' barracks of Pacific Islands Club early Friday morning and then started shooting a BB gun into the barracks.

Police said the attack was prompted by an earlier altercation between Cabrera's son, Nick, and somebody at the barracks. Nick had gone to the barracks and allegedly punched one James Klintz in the face. Klintz's uncle pushed Nick out of the door and told him to go home.

Moments later, Nick returned with Cabrera and another man and the attack allegedly happened.

Borja said preliminary investigation showed that when the police officer arrived at the scene, he saw two men walking away from the back of the house.

The officer noticed one of the individuals was carrying a BB gun. As the officer yelled, the two took off. The officer chased them but lost sight of the two.

Later, the officer saw a man, identified as Cabrera, at the garage of one of the nearby homes wearing a dark colored shirt and a pair of yellow short pants.

The officer saw a black pair of jeans on the countertop next to Cabrera and a BB gun leaning against the counter. The pants were still wet and muddy.

Saipan artists participate in Guam Micronesia Island Fair

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Several traditional and performing artists represented the CNMI in the recently concluded 24th Guam Micronesia Island Fair.

Gordon "Figo" Salas, Rodney and Yvonne Camacho, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy San Nicolas, Daniel Barcinas, Fermina Blas, Saralou Austen, Josh Namauleg, Alfred Saures, and Julie Mettao took part in the annual event held at the Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Park in Tumon's Ypao Beach from Oct. 14 to 16.

Hosted by the Guam Visitors Bureau, the event attracted local and foreign spectators as it showcased the rich and vibrant cultural heritages of various island nations following the theme, "Celebrating the Dance and Song of Micronesia."

"I went there without any intention of selling but just displaying my work," Salas, a jewelry maker, told *Saipan Tribune*.

Despite poor weather closing out the first day of the fair, Salas said he was pleased with the outcome of the event as he generated a lot of interest and received many inquiries about his artwork.

Jewelry maker Rodney Camacho said this was his second time to participate in the event; the first time was in 2010.

"I met a lot of new faces and people with different arts and crafts. The weather was hectic but we managed around it because the love of art and the spirit is there," said Camacho, adding that he looks forward to participating in next year's festival.

Executive director Angel S. Hocog of the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture said the artists shelled out their own money to fly to Guam and represent the CNMI.

"We are delighted and proud of our artists who did their best to ensure that the CNMI is represented at the Guam Micronesia Island Fair. We remain optimistic that more artists will be able to participate in next year's event," he added.

Landowners opposed to rezoning Kobler, airport

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Some landowners are opposing a local bill that seeks to rezone the area along Tun Kiyoshi Road in Koblerville and areas around the airport into an industrial district during a public hearing held at the Dandan Elementary School cafeteria on Friday.

Organized by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations, the public hearing was attended by committee chair Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), Reps. Antonio P. Sablan (R-Saipan) and Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), acting Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogumoro, and Zoning legal counsel Kate Fuller.

The Koblerville and airport areas are currently zoned as mixed village commercial and village residential.

Ogumoro said that about six landowners opposed Rep. Stanley T. Torres' (Ind-Saipan) House Local Bill 17-26.

"They're concerned that with the rezoning, having a quiet and healthy environment will no longer be possible," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

To address landowners' concerns, Ogumoro said they recommended restricting some uses for the proposed industrial zoning district, including the prohibition of gas and fuel wholesale, gas station, light repair, and sanitary landfill use.

Ogumoro said they also proposed "conditional" uses for the affected areas, including general vehicle repair, manufacturing and processing, warehousing/general wholesaling, mining, asphalt and concrete plants; and transfer station.

"Despite additional amendments, they still opposed it. It's a thing they decided," said Ogumoro.

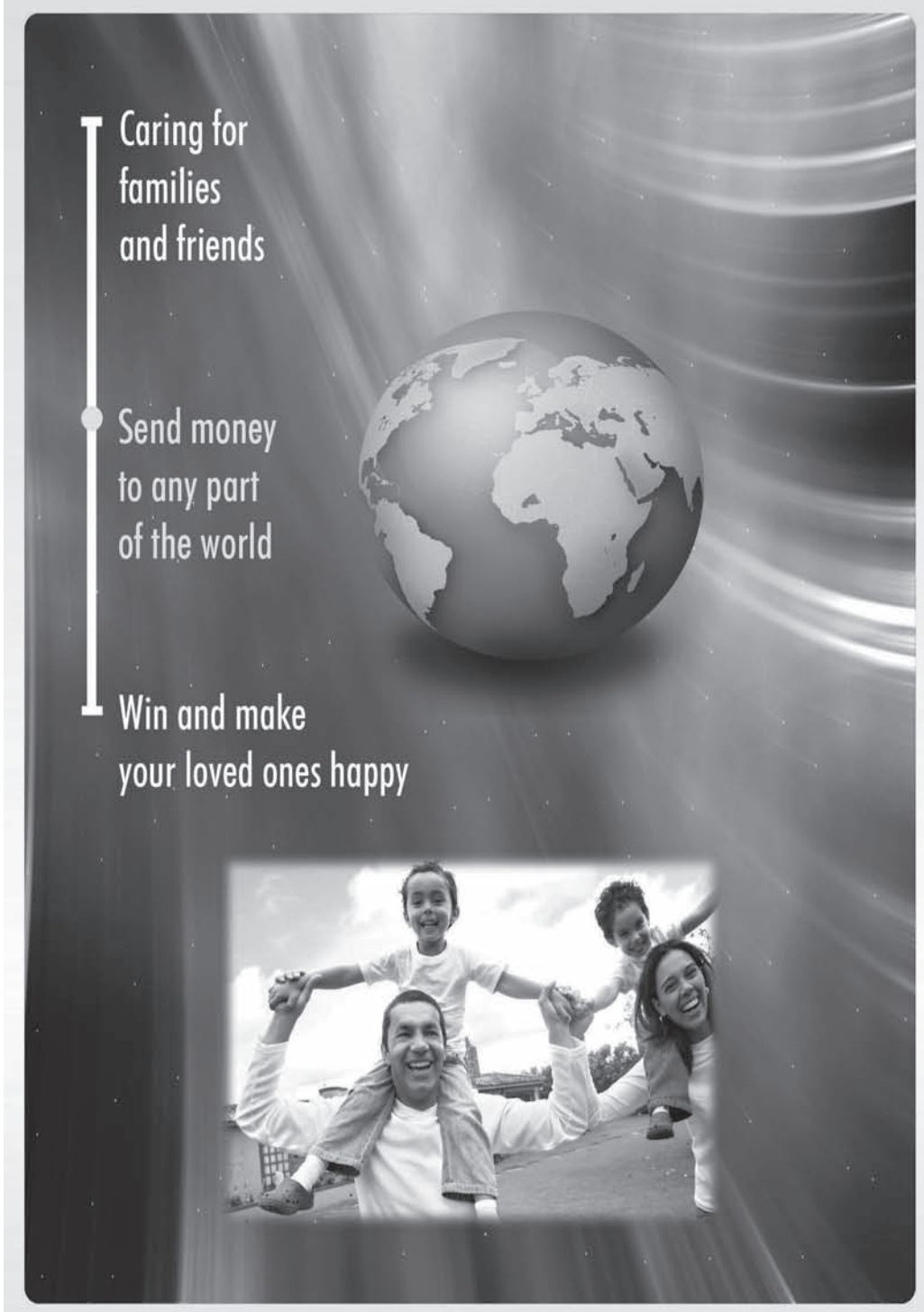
Besides listening to comments, Ogumoro and Fuller also answered questions raised by those at the public hearing.

"We will confer with the board to present our findings on or before the next regular board meeting," she said. The next board meeting is slated for Nov. 3.

Palacios, in a separate interview, said he spoke with Torres and recommended that the area be rezoned to mixed commercial, which he believes "would be more acceptable" for the landowners since it will allow them to build a home or a business on a conditional use permit to be approved by Zoning.

Palacios also noted that the Commonwealth Ports Authority does not want any electronic communication businesses or buildings taller than 36 feet in the area so as not to affect their airline tower.

According to Palacios, the rezoning plan is "the only holdup right now" in coming up with the Saipan Zoning Law of 2011.



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Group donates $5K to restore shrine in Japan

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REPORTER

The non-profit group NMI Japan Disaster Relief donated $5,000 to the Katori Jingu group, which recently visited Saipan for their annual peace pilgrimage.

Nick Nishikawa and Yoichi Matsumura of the NMI Japan Disaster Relief presented the check donation to Rev. Shoji Takahashi, high priest of Katori Jingu, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan on Saturday.

The presentation took place after the 25-member Katori Jingu group led a peace ceremony at the Sugar King Park, highlighted by the offering of prayers for the people of Japan and the CNMI.

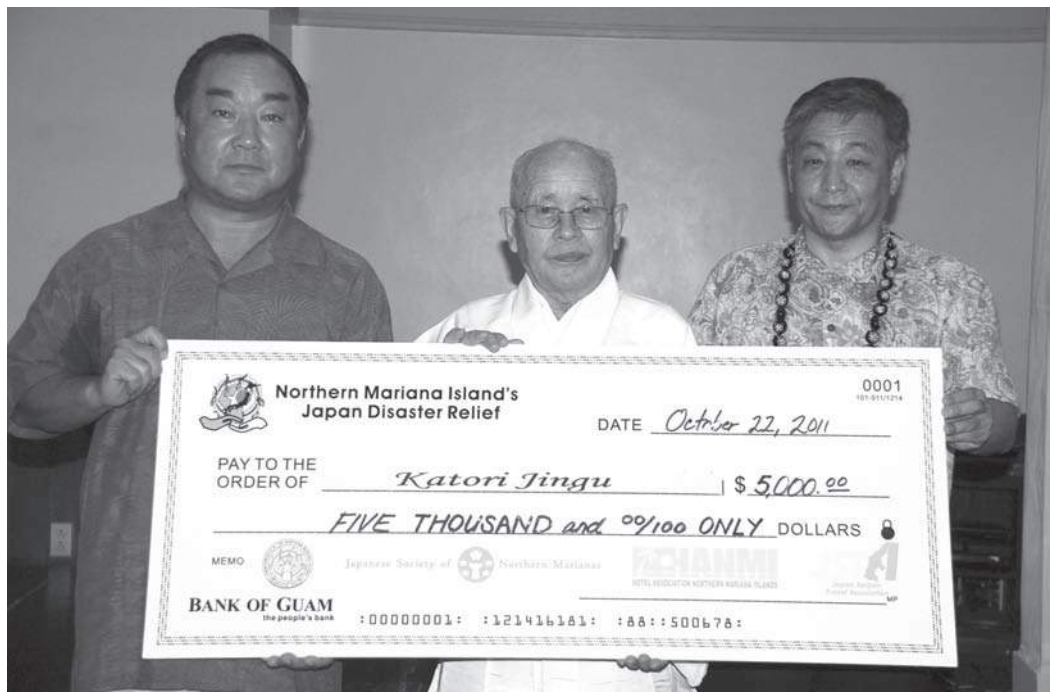
Takahashi, speaking in Japanese, expressed his appreciation for the donation that he said was unexpected.

The donation, Takahashi said, will be put to good use since it would help fund the restoration of their shrine, which was heavily damaged by the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in March.

According to Takahashi, it would take some $100,000 to repair the Katori shrine.

Matsumura, for his part, said their group has a "good relationship" with the Katori Jingu devotees, which is why they decided to make the donation.

He said the Japan office of the Marianas Visitors Authority made recommendations to the NMI Japan Disaster Relief about how to effectively donate money to help the relief and recovery efforts in the nation heavily affected by the two disasters.



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Nick Nishikawa, left, and Yoichi Matsumura, right, hand the $5,000 check donation to Rev. Shoji Takahashi, Katori Jingu high priest, in a brief presentation at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan last Saturday.

"We want to help them recover," Matsumura told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that they held fundraising events to come up with the donation.

These fundraising events included a radio-thon, raffle draws, setting up booths at the Garapan Street Market, and various direct donations.

Last April, the NMI Japan Disaster Relief presented a check worth $50,000 to Japan Consul Tsutomu Higuchi at the governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

USCIS reminds widows/widowers of deceased US citizens of Oct. deadline

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services again reminds eligible widow(er)s of U.S. citizens that Oct. 28, 2011, (mainland time) is the deadline for filing a Form I-360 visa petition if your spouse died before Oct. 28, 2009.

USCIS *must* receive your Form I-360 for Special immigrant classification as a widow/widower by Oct. 28, 2011. Since you must file Form I-360 by mail or overnight courier, be sure to ship it in time for USCIS to receive it no later than Oct. 28, 2011, (mainland time.)

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of Minutes August 25, 2011

II. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
A. Collection Status
B. Financial Report-Monthly
C. Operational Matters

III. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IV. NEW BUSINESS-None

VI. OLD BUSINESS
A. Loan Policy
B. 2011 Budget Proposal
C. TCD

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 26, 1999

Don't rush FTZ bill approval

Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez expressed concern yesterday over pressures to pass the free trade zone bill without resolving problems on some of its provisions, saying changing the law in the next few years will send a wrong signal to foreign investors. He asked anew the Subcommittee on Free Trade Zone to address uncertainties regarding employment opportunities for residents as well as benefits of such a plan to the government. Noting that it would be unhealthy to have policies change after forging a deal between businesses and the government, Villagomez said the measure should include a provision that will ensure investors in the free trade zones comply with the end of the bargain.

NMC offers new business program

The Small Business Development Center of the Northern Marianas College is offering a new program that would allow established business owners to learn from one another's successful strategies. The program called Strategic Business Alliance will start on the third week of November, according to SBDC Manager Rik Villegas. Villegas said the six-month program, which is aimed at establishing strategic alliance among business owners in the CNMI, will provide a forum for business owners to exchange ideas during monthly brainstorming sessions.

Oct. 26, 2000

Municipal council seeks road repairs

Members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council has urged Mayor Jose C. Sablan and Public Works Secretary Juan B. Cepeda to expedite road repairs in areas connecting Kagman III, Kagman III and Phase IV toward the tank beach. Council Chair Gregorio V. Deleon Guerrero and Vice Chair David Indalecio, in a signed resolution, this week called the authorities' attention on the poor condition of the roads that continue to pose as unnecessary threat to the health and safety of motorists traveling along the area. "This road is highly utilized by our people traveling to and from these areas and is also frequently used by our students attending Kagman Elementary School that are not riding the school bus and who are within the distance zone established by the Public School System," said the council heads.

Chamber launches cash for trash program

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the launching of their Cash for Trash Program. Director Jay B. Jones of Triple J Motors and chair of the business organization's Environmental Committee commented "we didn't want to create a program that wasn't a win-win for all parties involved. This important community service will allow community and student groups to raise funds for their own purposes, the community gets some clean-up done and businesses are happy because they see tangible results when they donate to the fund, Armored Express Services, Inc. and Construction Material Supply.

Oct. 26, 2001

PSS explores budget options

The Public School System yesterday assessed its financial capability to stay afloat in the new fiscal year, exploring three separate budget plans that try to picture the worst-case budget scenarios. The Board of Education Fiscal and Personnel Committee yesterday listened to the PSS Fiscal and Budget Office's presentation on several budget options, in the event that it retains its current $37.2 million funding level or experience budget reductions. If the PSS continues to tread on the current $37.2 million continuing resolution, the agency expects to sufficiently support its operations, similar to FY 2001. This translates to meeting the PSS' normal, recurring expenses such as communication, trash, minimal repair needs, maintenance, books, subscriptions, among others.

Covenant of trust with CNMI unveiled

True to the commitment to deliver the CNMI from the current economic slump, and to improve and expand the fundamental needs and services for the citizens of CNMI, the Covenant Party unveiled its Covenant of Trust with the people. The Covenant of Trust details the quick and practical solutions that the Covenant party candidates intend to accomplish and deliver within specified periods of time starting from their first day in office. The party's standard bearer, Speaker Ben Fitial said that the Covenant of Trust addresses critical concerns that need immediate attention.

High gold prices creating a 'seller beware' market

Record gold prices have created a modern day gold rush. Buyers, like the miners of old, are scrambling to rivers of citizens eager to cash in on old jewelry. But today's gold rush is not restricted to California. It is booming throughout the nation. Some buyers set up shop in a different hotel every weekend, moving from city to city while others move through neighborhoods conducting home "gold parties." Neighbors bring their jewelry to sell while chatting and enjoying refreshments.

"In the midst of the fun, people need to maintain their guard and beware of bandits," warned Maureen Henzler, Weights and Measures Program Service Administrator for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. "Those selling their gold jewelry to cash in on high prices may be getting a lot less than they bargained for." Regulatory officials across the country echo the warning.

"You need to know the purity level before you sell to guard against a reverse 'thumb on the scale' and to have assurance of full payment," said Henzler. The purity of gold affects the price paid for an item. She explained that some dealers use testing acids to verify karat weight of gold. Acids are typically found in varieties specific to karat values of 10K, 14K, 18K and 24K. When a specific acid such as 10K acid is applied to gold, the gold will turn brown unless it is the respective karat weight; in this case 10K gold. An unscrupulous gold buyer will intentionally apply a higher grade of acid to a lower grade of gold, such as 18K acid on 14K gold, causing the gold to turn brown and discolor and, subsequently, offer a lower payment. "Watch and ask the gold buyer what is being done with your jewelry items," said Henzler. "You have a right to know how the gold buyer is determining the purchase price for your items."

"Sellers can also be shortchanged through improper use of the scale," Henzler added. "Many gold buyers use scales to determine the weight of jewelry. It is important to know that the scale has been inspected, sealed, and approved for weighing precious metals. Even then, the scale must be level, positioned so the customer can witness the entire weighing process, and protected from influences like vibrations and strong air flows."

Kurt Floren, chairman of the National Conference on Weights and Measures agreed. "Weights and measures officials throughout the country work diligently to test scales and gas pumps, inspect packaged goods, and monitor price scanner accuracy in hundreds of thousands of businesses to ensure accuracy and integrity in the marketplace. As transactions such as the buying and selling of gold increase in untraditional, private settings, consumers must be equally diligent in protecting themselves from fraudulent or negligent practices and in reporting suspicious transaction activities to their local weights and measures agencies."

Floren, who is Director of Weights and Measures for Los Angeles County, California, provided the following tips to consumers dealing with gold buyers:

■ Get written estimates from two or more dealers that identify the items and their worth in detail.

■ Closely observe all scale use. It should be level and indicate "zero" before weighing begins. Look for fans or air vents that might affect the weighing process.

■ Observe the weight displayed and compare it to any value calculation and receipt.

■ Sell only to reputable dealers and get a receipt with their contact information.

■ Ask questions. Leave with your gold if the buyer is hesitant to fully explain what is being done.

"Lastly," said Floren, "if you believe you have been cheated or that there was an attempt to cheat, contact your weights and measures authority immediately."

The National Conference on Weights and Measures is a professional nonprofit association of state and local weights and measures officials, federal agencies, manufacturers, retailers and consumers. NCWM has developed national weights and measures standards since 1905. The organization brings the right interests together to keep pace with innovative advancements in the marketplace. ***(NCWM)***

Video of parole-in-place workshop

For those who are interested but who missed the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. workshop on parole-in-place for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, MLSC has uploaded a video of the entire presentation on its Day in Court blog at http://mlsc-marianas.blogspot.com. Interested individuals may also pick up the information folder at the MLSC Marianas office in Civic Center during regular work hours. ***(PR)***

Clothing store owner found liable to pay cost of documents request

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has found the owner of a Garapan clothing store that burned down last year liable to pay an insurance company the costs of filing a motion to compel the corporation to produce some documents.

Manglona determined that FirstNet Insurance Co. complied with federal and local procedure rules to confer in good faith to obtain discovery without court action.

Manglona found that defendant Zhen Rui Brother Corp. is liable to pay FirstNet with its costs in filing the motion.

"Having granted FirstNet's motion to compel, the court must impose reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, on the party or attorney, or both, who resisted disclosure unless exceptional circumstances exist," said Manglona in an 11-page written order issued yesterday.

BL Clothing Store, owned by Zhen Rui Brother Corp., burned down in a fire on Oct. 30, 2010.

In March 2011, fire policy insurer FirstNet, through counsel Richard W. Pierce, sued Zhen Rui Brother Corp. for allegedly deliberately setting off the fire so that the owner could claim $404,718.53 in insurance.

Zhen Rui Brother Corp., through counsel Ramon Quichocho, filed a counterclaim against FirstNet, alleging breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, insurance bad faith, and unfair or deceptive business practices.

FirstNet filed the motion to compel Zhen Rui Brother Corp. to produce all documents, to overrule defendant's objections to producing its retainer agreement with Quichocho, its tax returns, and to answer the interrogatories.

In Zhen Rui Brother's opposition, Quichocho asserted that the motion was premature because the parties have not yet met and conferred as required by the Local Rule.

Quichocho argued that its delay in providing discovery was excusable because of an unanticipated extended absence from the CNMI by the corporation's sole representative, Zheng Biao, and counsel's need for an interpreter to communicate with Biao.

In her order, Manglona determined that FirstNet made good-faith efforts to confer to resolve the parties' discovery disputes before filing the motion to compel.

Manglona found that Zhen Rui's failure even to attempt to carry its burden on its claim of attorney-client privilege, its delayed response to requests for action by FirstNet, and its last-minute objection to interrogatories do not substantially justify Zhen Rui's resistance to FirstNet's request for disclosures.

"The court finds that making Zhen Rui pay for FirstNet's reasonable expenses and attorney's fees is just," Manglona said.

The judge ordered FirstNet to submit an accounting of those expenses and fees to the court and serve the accounting on Zhen Rui by Oct. 28, 2011.

Zhen Rui, Manglona said, may file and serve any objection to the accounting by Nov. 4, 2011.

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A day to mourn

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Today, Oct. 26, marks the 10th anniversary of the USA Patriot Act, the first among many bipartisan government assaults on the Bill of Rights over the past decade. It is a time to mourn our lost freedoms.

Our constitutional rights have dramatically eroded, turning the "land of the free" into the "land of the easily intimidated."

We have traded liberty for a false impression of security, and we will regret it.

President Bush originally signed the Patriot Act into law on Oct. 26, 2001, and—despite documented, recurring and ongoing abuses—President Obama has signed reauthorization bills no fewer than three times. Even though more than 400 cities and towns, plus eight states, have issued official resolutions repudiating domestic surveillance, the national security juggernaut has continued to steamroll the Constitution.

The FBI, the National Security Agency and the CIA deploy battlefield surveillance technologies to monitor law-abiding Americans en masse, claim an increasingly vast share of the federal budget and disclaim any meaningful limits on their disturbing powers.

And courts routinely defer to ridiculous claims that topics embarrassing to the government—like outsourcing torture to other countries, or monitoring the e-mail and phone calls of hundreds of millions of Americans without any individualized suspicion—constitute "state secrets" that must be protected for national security reasons.

Meanwhile, Congress has rubberstamped every executive request (whether from Bush or Obama) to shrink the constitutional rights of Americans. After the Patriot Act was first enacted in 2001, Congress repeatedly reauthorized it over bipartisan dissent, enacted the FISA Amendments Act, and then, this fall, entrenched the FBI leadership beyond its statutory term for the first time since J. Edgar Hoover's reign of intimidation.

The Justice Department's own internal watchdog has documented numerous abuses of Patriot Act powers. The federal government has issued thousands of improper National Security Letters.

But the abuses extend well beyond the Patriot Act, constructing a whole even worse the sum of its parts. Under Bush—and with the later support of the Obama administration—the National Security Agency launched a secret dragnet warrantless wiretapping scheme, which became public only because intrepid journalists risked prosecution to reveal it. Even though every federal court that ever reviewed the program on its merits declared it unconstitutional, Congress authorized the agency's wiretapping through legislation in 2008 and immunized telecommunications companies that participated in it.

Under Bush, the attorney general's guidelines governing FBI operations were overhauled, allowing investigative tactics from the infamous COINTELPRO era, such as infiltrating constitutionally protected ideological groups—on the basis of a secret legal standard that has never been disclosed. And even though the CIA is prohibited from operating within the United States, it has smeared critics and trained local law enforcement in counterproductive profiling techniques.

Never has our government been less accountable to We the People.

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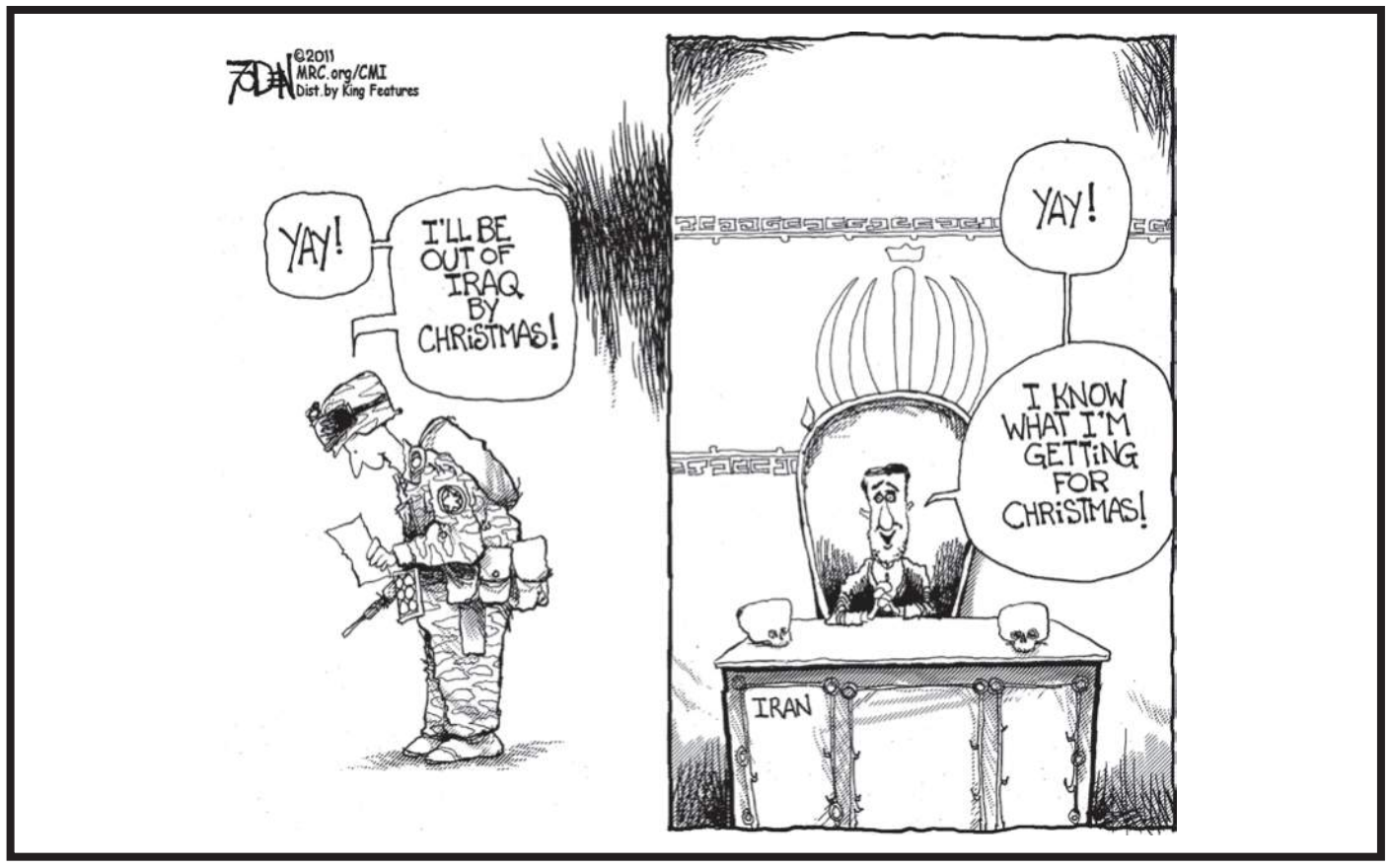

Obama tries to turn Occupy movement's anger into an advantage

By DOYLE MCMANUS
Los Angeles Times

If you're one of the thousands of demonstrators sleeping in parks, carrying signs and banging on drums to protest Wall Street's hammerlock on American politics, President Obama wants you to know he feels your pain.

"I understand the frustrations that are being expressed in those protests," Obama said in an interview with ABC News on Tuesday.

"The most important thing we can do right now," he added, is "letting people know that…we are on their side."

When he first expressed sympathy for the Occupy Wall Street movement two weeks ago, Obama added a characteristically cautious qualification: "We have to have a strong, effective financial sector in order for us to grow."

But this week, as he has taken his campaign message on the road, the president has sounded a more populist, and more partisan, tone.

His Republican opponents, Obama said in Asheville, N.C., on Monday, "want to gut regulations. They want to let Wall Street do whatever it wants."

It might seem surprising that a coolly technocratic president, who once cast himself as a centrist mediator, is now so ready to identify himself with the protesters occupying city parks.

Until you look at the polls, that is.

A Time magazine poll released last week found that 54 percent of Americans had a favorable impression of the Occupy Wall Street protests, and other surveys have found similar numbers.

Even Eric Cantor, the fiercely conservative leader of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives, figured that out. After initially condemning the protesters as a "mob," Cantor backtracked last week, saying, "People are upset, and they're justifiably frustrated…. I get it."

Even more important to Obama and his strategists, the Time poll found that among Democrats, the protesters' favorable rating swelled to 66 protests.

Some of the demonstrators may look scruffy after living in tents for weeks, but they're admired by the people who put Obama in the White House three years ago—and whose support he needs to win a second term in 2012.

Obama has a motivation problem with his young and liberal base. They've been hit hard by unemployment, frustrated by the president's inability to fix the economy and disappointed by his moves toward the center. A CNN poll released this week reported that only 42 percent of Democrats said they were enthusiastic about voting next year; among Republicans, 64 percent said they were enthusiastic. That "enthusiasm gap" worries the Obama campaign.

The president doesn't have any primary challengers, but he's running in a shadow primary all the same. He needs to reconnect with his base and to reassure them that he's still a community organizer at heart. Expressing sympathy for Occupy Wall Street is one way to do that.

The protests have also given the Obama campaign an easy angle of attack against Mitt Romney, the most likely Republican candidate. "He represents really the Wall Street side of business—you know, he stripped down companies, outsourced jobs—in ways that I think reflect people's concerns about the economy," Obama's chief campaign strategist, David Axelrod, said this week on MSNBC.

That reflects another pillar of Obama's reelection strategy: framing next year's vote as a choice between two candidates and two programs—a contest he might be able to win—instead of a referendum on Obama's success at reviving the economy, a contest he's likely to lose.

But can Obama succeed in turning grass-roots anger, some of which is directed at his own stewardship of the economy, to his electoral advantage?

It won't be easy. Ever since he began running for president in 2007, he has oscillated between two Obamas, the liberal populist and the centrist mediator; but the net result has made both halves of his 2008 coalition—liberals and centrists—skeptical.

At this point, most of the Occupy Wall Street folks don't appear to want anything to do with Obama, or any other officeholder, for that matter.

Among the placards at the Occupy D.C. tent city two blocks north of the White House this week was one that read: "BHO is no FDR or LBJ." Leaving aside the irony of a sign celebrating a president, Lyndon B. Johnson, whom demonstrators helped drive from office 43 years ago, the occupiers don't seem in a mood to accept Obama as an ally.

"We don't want to associate with politicians because that would just divide people," Sonia Silbert, one of the coordinators of Washington's protests, told me. "I'm not surprised that the Obama campaign is trying to ride this thing. But if we went in that direction, that would be the end of the moment, right there."

What's remarkable, though, is how anxious the Obama campaign appears to be to get on the protesters' good side.

I asked Axelrod by email this week whether he saw a need to keep any distance from a movement that was both critical of the president and, well, a little fringy.

"No," he replied. "I think some of the frustration and outrage they're expressing are also being expressed much more broadly…. People are angry. And they should be."

Obama won the presidency in 2008 by calling for "change you can believe in."

Now, as 2012 approaches, he's not likely to grab a sleeping bag and head for a park. But he's hoping to convince the occupiers—and the much larger number of Americans who share their anger—that a part of him would like to.

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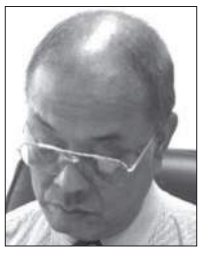
Investors: 'Why did they leave?'



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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We look at investment with enthusiasm deficit, still paralyzed by the anxiety of our grand negligence to guard it full court. It's a haunting sentiment, the origin of which emanates from the way we passed up opportunities to nurture and shore up lasting partnership with investors during the Japanese bubble years.

It burst and flushed out most foreign capital through the floodgates of our Taga Stone isles. Would there be something similar by way of reinvasion of investments? It's a question we're pondering in retrospect as prospective investors pointedly quiz, "Why did they leave?"

Sure, we can sit back at day's end when most disruptive issues grinding through our mind finally settle down. It allows for a more sober review over this and other troubling issues that have piled up by the dime a dozen over the last three decades. As we try to answer relevant questions, we find more queries popping up everywhere as we withdraw temporarily to review and remap our assessment. The enthusiasm deficit kicks in and out the window goes organized efforts to proactively start anew.

The days of the bubble economy were shored up by billions of dollars in leftover money from the Japanese Reconstruction Fund after WWII. Its use was stopped at the onset of the Asian financial crisis. The domino of investment withdrawals went from the NMI, Guam, Hawaii, and coast to coast.

Japan hasn't stopped investing abroad. I doubt, though, that it has surplus funds to tinker with venues such as the NMI like it did before the crisis. Now, its foreign investments are concentrated in nearby or in China. It's the largest manufacturing venue equipped with a huge market for basically anything consumers use worldwide.

Sadly, we were snoozing on the job as large investments started deployment plans. We didn't lift a finger to talk to them in hopes of easing problems they had to endure. We left them to fend for themselves, "sink or swim," and they sank slowly as the tide of confidence receded into the open waters.

The task of recouping investor confidence is woefully difficult and protracted. If anything, reinvestment would be very passive. Why do you think prospective investors appropriately ask, "Why did they leave?" It happened for a reason, reasons new investors wish to explore and understand. Call the departure of previous investors the direct result of our collective negligence. Now revenues have plummeted to 1990 levels. And I could hear the painful sigh of sorrow in most quarters here.

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From JR's Notes

Public officials were pleased at the large turnout of job seekers at the recent job fair. But it also took them by surprise that the number was about 900-plus folks doing search and rescue for meaningful employment.

The event confirms the steady march toward joblessness under an administration that has failed in wealth and jobs creation. Why stage another job fair when most applicants can't land jobs given the contraction in private industries?

Sooner than later, the NMI would find itself mulling how it eventually became the Disneyland of Unemployment. Eh, time to snap it up with SNAP. It's the only concrete answer for the next decade or so.

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The offer of the Northern Islands for purposes of investments has also drawn mixed reactions from the simple folks at home.

I am sure it has also become a serious icon on the monitor of the federal government given the challenges it faces with security issues relating to Asia and the Pacific. With allies, the U.S. normally turns its head the other way. But we're dealing with an arrogant military power known for unnecessarily flexing its muscles in the Spratley Islands. National defense and security of the regions would take precedence over investments.

Local reaction would be a mixed bag. A few would support investment, though they know the weakness of the undervalued yuan. The first group needs to justify subsequent proposals to the penny to demonstrate it's worth the risk. Others would turn out in full force to oppose it in favor of indigenous rights to use the islands for expansion purposes. Still others would sit by in hopes of following the green bag as land sharks.

If anything, it's good to lure investments, though most that came from the Land of the Rising Sun have fizzled. Why did this happen? Has anyone researched this query for a satisfactory answer? The next course of action is to openly and critically discuss and define the future of these isles, say 50 years from now, if only to secure a glimpse of our tomorrows.

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We have been promoting tourism and even go out on a limb to lure investors. But mirrored against our inability to ensure a safe destination, why spend millions of dollars promoting the islands as a quiet Destination for Robbery?

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Legal eagles from the Fund and the heads of the trustees and program were at the Legislature doing chamber theatrics to repeal PL 17-51. There's the admission that with or without the new law, retirees could still sue! So why seek for the repeal of the law?

The damage is done already and you still want to insulate firms who made off with millions of dollars proceeded by their abandoning ship? Where's the substance of your argument? So it seems that in your book our interest as members of the Fund takes second fiddle? Did you forget the source of your existence? Wonderful public relations theatrics but it doesn't change the fact that administrations have failed to remit their obligations since 1984. Need we say more?

Letter to the Editor

Participate in casino survey

This is just to encourage the voters of Saipan to exercise their rights to help determine what they want in and from the government. The Current Issues class, with the technical advice of the executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission and the Office of the Public Auditor as well as the Attorney General, will be conducting a nonbinding referendum on Nov. 4 on whether or not the people of Saipan wish to have casinos on the island.

It is extremely important, because this can be termed a hot button issue, that we have maximum turnout on Nov. 4, 2011. I would like to encourage government and private sector leaders to help us encourage a high voter turnout. We are not advocating any particular result. On the contrary, the voting will be carried out in strict accordance with Commonwealth election policies. The students of the Current Issues class have received training in the conduct of the election and the impartiality factor has been emphasized. We hope that we will receive support in getting the maximum turnout possible.

Since this is not an election for personalities, historically turnout has been low. We hope we can turn that around but we can't do it alone.

The students have been working all semester on this event and we are hoping that the voting population of Saipan, i.e. registered voters, will turn out and express their will as advice to the government.

In order to keep costs down, only four voting places have been selected around the island for Nov. 4. These are: Kagman Community Center; Multipurpose Center in Susupe; the Legislature building on Capital Hill; and, Northern Marianas College classroom D1. The polls will be open from 8am to 5pm. Polling sites were selected, with the advice of the executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, in order to incorporate several traditional voter precincts. Voters should check the newspapers and posters that are being distributed around the island to be sure to go to the correct polling place.

Early voting, for those who are not able to come on the Citizenship Day holiday. Nov. 4, will be conducted on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, and Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, from 8am to 12pm in classroom D 1, across from the NMC bookstore. Voters are reminded to bring an identification card.

Sam McPhetres
Project adviser
NMC Current Issues Class

Tony Pellegrino for governor

Tony is about 280 years old and could out-think and out-negotiate the best that the CNMI could offer. And that's a fact. The guy has the best ideas for this island, the most business experience in the Pacific, has lived and done business directly with major markets for the CNMI, established a profitable tourism company, and has more passion than men half his age.

Stop voting for your damned relatives. The orgy of political incest that locals have created on Saipan is destroying each and every day. The sad fact is you don't have a talented leader or visionary who has proven international business skills and the cultural flexibility to see the big picture, while having the leadership skills and business skills to see and solve the short-term daily problems. Only when the CNMI starts allowing non-locals to run the show will you ever prosper.

Guys, face it, you just simply don't have the skill set and ability to do the job anymore in today's new world. Do you realize how stupid the CNMI looks to the rest of America and the world when they go to China and say they'll lease their lands to them? Have you read the comments on Yahoo about that story? Anyone? Readers are laughing at the CNMI and calling you all sorts of names.

America is struggling over lost manufacturing and jobs to China, embarrassed and angry that the Chinese control our national debt and we keep borrowing from them, and now here is this little island in the Pacific, a broke and busted rock that's now begging the Chinese to come and, "Please, Big Brother, come help us poor islanders and pay us money to take our lands and give us money to do nothing." What kind of leadership is that? Do you think Tony Pellegrino would be begging and whining at the Chinese for money. No! He's already devising ways to export crops to them and *work* for it.

A leadership with no self-respect and no ability to see past their own little palm tree to see how the rest of America and the world sees them for even a moment concerning one issue could never find a solution to the current problems. They're blind! Actually, the CNMI doesn't want solutions and ideas; they just want a handout and free money from someone so they don't have to work their way out of the problem.

Tony, save your good ideas brother—nobody on Saipan really cares—but I applaud your passion, vision, and commitment to stand by a sinking ship and its ignorant captain that can't navigate because he's too busy complaining.

Chris West
Santa Monica, Calif.

Wanted: 10,000-foot runway

The Air Force is looking to Saipan, Rota, or Tinian for a 10,000-foot runway. This runway would be an alternative to Anderson Air Force Base and has to be within a 170 mile from AAFB. If this will benefit the CNMI, then the government needs to look into this ASAP and push for it. This would mean a major increase in military activity for whichever island the runway is built on. This is the CNMI's chance to get a piece of the defense budget pie. Tinian had the largest runway in the world at one point. The military currently leases a big part of Tinian so it would make sense to be built on Tinian.

Antonio Aldan
Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼70
Kosrae	Rain	▲86	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲62	▼43
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
London	Showers	▲58	▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼54
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼81
Melbourne	Sunny	▲70	▼50
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼73
New York	Sunny	▲61	▼49
Osaka	Sunny	▲66	▼53
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼47
Pusan	Sunny	▲63	▼53
Rome	Rain	▲66	▼52
Salem	Sunny	▲58	▼35
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼53
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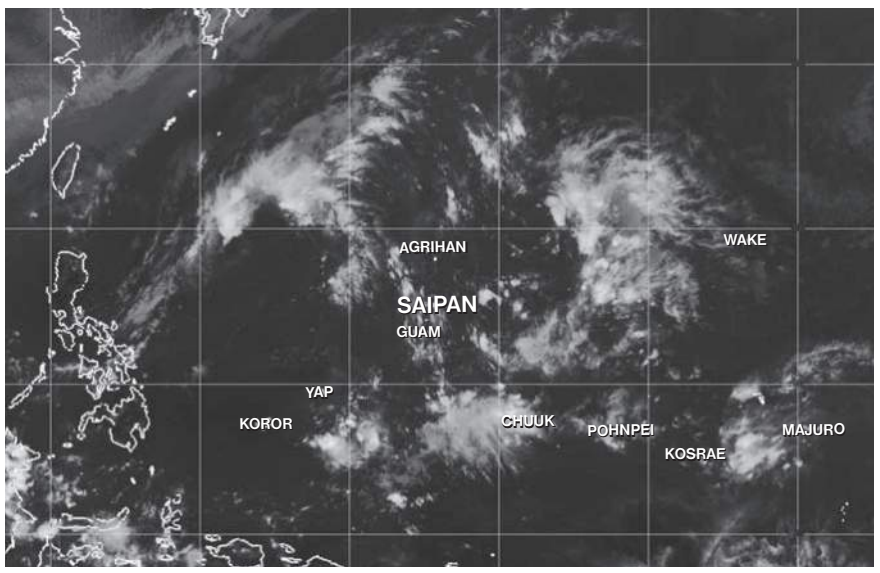

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered west of the Marianas near 18N135E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring well northwest of Saipan north of a line from 20N134E to 20N140E. An upper-level low is centered well northeast of Saipan at 22N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Wake Island within 150 miles of a line from 13N151E to 18N163E. A trade-wind surge is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just north of Pohnpei within 140 miles of a line from 8N156E to 12N163E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Chuuk within 120 miles of a line from 3N147E to 8N150E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands between 3N and 12N from 166E to 172E and within 125 miles of a line from 9N172E to 9N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:42 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:04 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
12:56 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
6:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Thursday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Saturday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:11 AM	5:11 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	6:04 PM
Friday	7:21 AM	7:02 PM
Saturday	8:26 AM	8:02 PM
Sunday	9:28 AM	9:03 PM

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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

FOA production gives life to timeless Broadway classics

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Cast members sing *All I Ask of You* from the musical *Phantom of the Opera.* CLARISSA V. DAVID

Several Broadway classics headlined the Friends of the Arts' latest production, *Beyond Memories: A Revue of the Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber*, presented at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater over the weekend.

The production featured three nights of entertainment with timeless compositions of the English composer who has achieved popular success in the musical theater industry.

Performers presented some of the songs and dances from Webber's 13 musicals, including *Music of the Night* from *Phantom of the Opera, Song of the King (Seven Fat Cows)* from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Gethsemane* from *Jesus Christ Superstar,* and *Memory* from *Cats.*

In an interview after Sunday's show, musical director Paul Dujua said most of the songs they selected for the revue were not only Broadway hits but also chart-toppers throughout the world.

"I know he wrote so many great songs, some of which we've already performed in the past. But you would want to sing those songs over and over because they're timeless. Of course, I carefully considered the people that I have who want to participate in the show and the ideal songs that you would like to bring out from the selection of his Broadway pieces," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Dujua said the most challenging parts of the production included putting the materials together and having talents who will volunteer to do the show. "We have a lot of talents. However, not everybody is always free to volunteer their time and share their talents. But I'm very thankful that a lot of the kids participated."

Cast members included Wincel Mae Bubos, Darren Cajipo, Melanie Choe, Anna Rose Deleon Guerrero, Paul Dujua, Harold Easton, Mariel Ferrer, Leo F. Goode, Jr., Mark Gonzales, Matthew Lopez, Ruth de Lemos Loyola, Jezziel Lazalita, Rolando Sangalang, and Romy Silvano. Production staff comprised of Paul Dujua, musical director, choreography, and poster/artwork; Harold Easton, director; MariLou Conner, producer; Kristine Valencia and Ken Manalo, lights and sound; Frank Gibson, advertising/program; and Gemmilie Anne Eugenio and Lady Dominique Canape, MHS Tech Crew.

Seventeen-year old Jessiel P. Lazalita said her first venture in an FOA production was both nerve-wracking and gratifying. "I was overwhelmed but they always encouraged me to be myself. Now I look forward to participating in future shows."

Romy Silvano, a daycare teacher by day, said he used to take part in school productions in the Philippines. "Music is my passion. So when the producer asked me to audition, I thought, why not?" said Silvano. "We're so grateful. I was worried that the audience might not appreciate our performances but in the end, our efforts paid off. It was so worth it."

Sixth-grader Melanie Choe said her second FOA production was a walk in the park. "It was not that hard because they're really a fun group to work with," said Choe, who hopes to participate in more shows.

As director, Harold Easton noted that it is always challenging to combine singing, dancing, and acting in any musical production. Fortunately for this revue, he said, acting was just "an ancillary" or "an embellishment" since the most significant part was giving life to the character through the song.

For FOA production first timers, Easton hopes that they will "come back." "We need the talent," he said. "We wish more people in the community would come and try out for these shows."

Opportunities are coming up soon, said FOA president Susan Fishman-Tudor. The group is scheduled to stage in December *The Miracle Worker*, a three-act play by William Gibson based on Helen Keller's autobiography, *The Story of My Life.*

For their Valentine show, Fishman-Tudor said they have agreed to present *Aida*, a Broadway musical that features the music of Elton John.

While they appreciate the good turnout in their show for three nights, Dujua remains optimistic that their audience will grow in numbers for future productions. "Of course, we always hope that more people would come to watch and support the arts. Aside from sharing our talents and showcasing what we have, it's always our dream to teach the children."

NMC students to host opinion survey on Saipan casino issue

San Antonio San Vicente Koblerville	Precinct 1A Precinct 1B Precinct 1C	NMC Campus (Bldg. D, Room 1)
Susupe Chalan Kanoa Oleai Garapan	Precinct 2 Precinct 2 Precinct 3A Precinct 3A	Multi-Purpose Center (Susupe)
Tanapag San Roque Capital HilL Northern Islands	Precinct 4A Precinct 4B Precinct 4C Precinct 4D	Legislature Lobby Area (Capital Hill)
Kagman	Precinct 5	Kagman Community Center

Students of Northern Marianas College instructor Sam McPhetres's Current Issues in the CNMI course are inviting CNMI voters to participate in a public opinion survey about the legalization of a casino industry in Saipan on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011.

The aim of the survey is to provide data on how many individuals support or oppose the legalization of a casino industry on the island. The results from the survey, however, will be non-binding. This means that these results will not affect any prospective law or policy regarding the issue. Although the results will be non-binding, it can assist the leaders of the CNMI in deciding whether to propose any law or policy regarding casinos.

Those registered to vote in the CNMI will be eligible to participate in this survey.

Voters who are unable to take the survey on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, can take the survey earlier on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, from 8am to 12pm at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Room D-1.

Those who wish to take the survey on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, (8am – 5pm) will take the survey at a designated location, which is assigned based on village of residence and voting precinct.

Survey participants are also asked to present a valid form of identification, such as a driver's license or passport. For inquiries or more information, contact Sam McPhetres at 234-5498 Ext.1204. ***(NMC)***

CONGRATULATIONS!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Newlyweds Rocel and Jay Earley pose for the camera during their garden wedding at Pacific Islands Club on Oct. 17, 2011. The couple was joined by their families, friends, and sponsors on their special day.

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Newlyweds Rocel and Jay Earley pose with their families, friends, and sponsors during their memorable garden wedding at Pacific Islands Club on Oct. 17.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday greetings go out to Peter Reyes, who is celebrating his special day today! Cheers to you and another great year! May your wishes and dreams come true! We love you! Greetings come from your wife and kids.

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Business

Price matters for holiday season

NEW YORK (AP)—Forget style, quality and customer service. This holiday season, all that matters is price.

A week before Halloween and two full months before Christmas, stores are desperately trying to outdo each other in hopes of drawing in customers worn down by the economy.

Wal-Mart, the biggest store in the nation, joined the price wars Monday by announcing that it would give gift cards to shoppers if they buy something there and find it somewhere else cheaper.

Staples and Bed Bath & Beyond have already said they will match the lowest prices of Amazon.com and other big Internet retailers. Sears is going a step further, offering to beat a competitor's best price by 10 percent.

"The days of marketing the stuff in your store because it was a hot brand are over," says Dave Ratner, owner of Dave's Soda & Pet City, a Massachusetts pet food and supplies chain.

For the holidays, Ratner plans to offer 20 percent off pet accessories if customers buy a bag of dog food. Customers, he says, just want a deal.

Almost four years after the onset of the Great Recession, they've learned to expect one too. In better times, retailers could afford to keep prices higher and use promises of higher quality and better service to lure people into stores.

AP
In this June 20, 2011 file photo, a Wal-Mart worker pulls carts at a Wal-Mart store in Pittsburg, Calif.

Those days are over. In a recent poll of 1,000 shoppers by America's Research Group, 78 percent said they were more driven by sales than they were a year ago. During the financial meltdown in 2008, that figure was only 68 percent.

Wal-Mart last year went back to its "everyday low prices" roots, a bedrock philosophy of founder Sam Walton, rather than slashing prices only on certain items to draw in customers. Now everyday low prices might not be low enough.

So it's trying something it is calling the Christmas Price Guarantee. It works this way: If you buy something at Wal-Mart from Nov. 1 to Dec. 25 and find the identical product elsewhere for less, you get a gift card in the amount of the difference.

United, Continental, Delta raise fares again

DALLAS (AP)—The nation's biggest airlines are raising their fares again.

United, Continental and Delta added up to $5 each way to ticket prices for many flights within the U.S. It's the second hike in a week after more than two months when base fares were largely unchanged.

Airlines have tried to raise prices about 20 times this year, and about half the hikes have stuck. Airlines often roll back price increases if key competitors don't match them.

J.P. Morgan analyst Jamie Baker said he would be surprised to see low-fare carriers such as Southwest Airlines Co. match the increases, which means there's a strong chance the latest hikes will be rolled back.

But Baker said even the attempt showed that demand for travel remained strong.

A spokesman for United Continental Holdings Inc. confirmed that those two airlines raised fares by $2, $3 and $5 each way, depending on the length of flight and type of ticket.

A Delta Air Lines Inc. spokesman confirmed that his airline raised all fare categories by $5 each way for flights longer than 1,500 miles.

Airlines have been scaling back growth plans for fear that demand will fall if economic growth slows further. By making fewer seats available, airlines gain the power to raise prices if demand holds steady.

Even before the latest hikes, a Citigroup analyst calculated that this year's fares are between $58 and $70 higher than last year's.

All of which is bad news for travelers hoping to book holiday-season trips.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Obama offers mortgage relief on Western trip

LAS VEGAS (AP)—President Barack Obama offered mortgage relief on Monday to hundreds of thousands of Americans, his latest attempt to ease the economic and political fallout of a housing crisis that has bedeviled him as he seeks a second term. "I'm here to say that we can't wait for an increasingly dysfunctional Congress to do its job," the president declared outside a family home in Las Vegas, the epicenter of foreclosures and joblessness. "Where they won't act, I will." Making a case for his policies and a new effort to circumvent roadblocks put up by Republican lawmakers, Obama also laid out a theme for his re-election, saying that there's "no excuse for all the games and the gridlock that we've been seeing in Washington."

Oil hovers above $91 ahead of Europe debt plan

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above $91 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as investors await details of Europe's plan to contain its debt crisis. Benchmark crude for December delivery was up 17 cents at $91.44 a barrel at midmorning Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose $3.87, or 4.4 percent, to settle at $91.27 in New York on Monday. Brent crude was down 20 cents at $111.25 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London. Oil has jumped 21 percent in three weeks amid growing investor optimism that European leaders will devise a plan to limit the damage from a possible default of Greek sovereign debt. Details of the plan are expected to be announced Wednesday.

Government job losses a growing drag on recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—Conservative Republicans have long clamored for government downsizing. They're starting to get it—by default. Crippled by plunging tax revenues, state and local governments have shed over a half million jobs since the recession began in December 2007. And, after adding jobs early in the downturn, the federal government is now cutting them as well. States cut 49,000 jobs over the past year and localities 210,000, according to an analysis of Labor Department statistics. There are 30,000 fewer federal workers now than a year ago—including 5,300 Postal Service jobs canceled last month.

Nation

US pulls its envoy out of Syria

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration has pulled its ambassador home from Syria, arguing that his support for anti-Assad activists put him in grave danger—the most dramatic action so far by the United States as it struggles to counter a Mideast autocrat who is withstanding pressure that has toppled neighboring dictators.

Syria responded quickly Monday, ordering home its envoy from Washington.

American Ambassador Robert Ford was temporarily recalled on Saturday after the U.S. received "credible threats against his personal safety in Syria," the State Department said, pointing directly at President Bashar Assad's government. Ford, who already had been the subject of several incidents of intimidation, has enraged Syrian authorities with his forceful defense of anti-Assad demonstrations and his harsh critique of a government crackdown that has now claimed more than 3,000 lives.

Calling Ford back to the U.S. is short of a complete diplomatic break but represents the collapse of the administration's hopes that it could draw Assad toward government changes and a productive role fostering Mideast peace. Washington held off on a full condemnation of Assad as his crackdown worsened this spring, and waited months to demand that he step aside.

Ford's presence in Damascus had been an important symbolic part of President Barack Obama's effort to engage Syria, which was without a U.S. ambassador for years after the Bush administration broke ties over Syria's alleged role in the 2005 assassination of a political candidate in neighboring Lebanon.

With Moammar Gadhafi's death last week in Libya, and the revolutions that toppled longtime leaders Hosni Mubarak in Egypt and Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali in Tunisia, Assad is among the Arab Spring autocrats left standing. Along with Ali Abdullah Saleh in Yemen, he is facing the most pressure from his citizens to leave power. Yet with his vast security network and close links with Russia and China, Assad is perhaps the one best placed to withstand pressures for change—peaceful or violent.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said, "We are concerned about a campaign of regime-led incitement targeted personally at Ambassador Ford by the state-run media of the government of Syria." She called on the Assad government to "end its smear campaign of malicious and deceitful propaganda."

Nuland could not say when Ford might go back to Syria. Earlier, department spokesman Mark Toner said the U.S. Embassy would remain open in Damascus as the threats were specifically directed toward Ford, and that the ambassador's return depended on a U.S. "assessment of Syrian regime-led incitement and the security situation on the ground."

The State Department said there were no plans to expel Syria's top diplomat in Washington in retaliation. But Roua Shurbaji, a Syrian Embassy spokeswoman, said Ambassador Imad Moustapha left the U.S. on Monday for consultations in Damascus. She said no other measure was being taken by the embassy, and declined to comment on the U.S. allegations.

Insurer adjusts, to pay 'miracle' Joplin survivor

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Mark Lindquist, whose against-the-odds story of survival and heroism in the Joplin tornado touched people around the world, got some good news Monday: The insurance company that initially denied his medical claim agreed to pay.

Lindquist, 51, was hurt while trying to protect group home residents during the May 22 twister. Lindquist and a coworker placed mattresses on top of three middle-aged men with Down syndrome in an effort to protect them from the tornado, even climbed atop the mattresses for added weight.

The group home residents died and Lindquist was in a coma for nearly two months, broke every rib, lost most of his teeth and suffered other catastrophic injuries.

Lindquist's job paid barely above minimum wage and he couldn't afford medical insurance.

He sought workers' compensation, claiming he was injured on the job. His company's workers' compensation provider, Accident Fund Insurance Company of America, denied the claim in June "based on the fact that there was no greater risk than the general public at the time you were involved in the Joplin tornado," according to a letter from a claims adjuster.

The decision was devastating because Lindquist's medical bills already are more than $2.5 million, and rising, his sister, Linda Lindquist Baldwin said last week.

But on Monday, a day after an Associated Press story, Accident Fund Insurance Company of America announced it was changing course.

"Upon further review of the case, and receiving additional information on the facts involved in this situation, Accident Fund believes the appropriate decision is to honor Mr. Mark Lindquist's claim for worker's compensation benefits," Mike Britt, president of the Lansing, Mich.-based insurance company, said. "We are committed to working with Mr. Lindquist to ensure he receives all the benefits to which he is entitled and helping him to recover from his injuries."

Lindquist said he was thrilled with the news—not just for himself but for the doctors who saved him. He had planned to sell his house to try to pay off some of his bills. Now, he said, he may not have to.

F-15 crashes north of Las Vegas; no injuries

ALAMO, Nev. (AP)—An Air Force fighter jet crashed in a sparsely populated part of southern Nevada on Monday, but the pilot was able to eject from the aircraft and didn't suffer any injuries, authorities said.

The F-15C Eagle from Nellis Air Force Base crashed on federal land northwest of Alamo, Nev., said Lt. Ken Lustig, an Air Force spokesman. Alamo is about 100 miles north of Las Vegas.

Lincoln County Sheriff Kerry Lee said a citizen reported seeing a large explosion and fireball west of U.S. Highway 93 shortly after 4 p.m. Deputies made their way over rough terrain and through a ranch toward the plume of smoke about five miles from the highway, he said.

"It was out in the desert, really hard to get to," Lee said. When deputies arrived, they found a debris field about 100 yards long.

"It didn't look like the plane slammed into the ground," the sheriff said. "There was a lot of the plane left, but it burned up."

The pilot had started walking and was picked up by a military helicopter about 30 minutes after the crash, Lee said. He was flown to Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital near Las Vegas for an examination that revealed no injuries, Lustig said.

Lustig didn't have any details about the nature of the flight and couldn't say whether the jet that crashed was accompanied by other aircraft.

An investigation into the cause of the crash was already under way Monday night, Lustig said.

Asia

PH launches air strike on alleged outlaws

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine military launched air strikes Monday against dozens of suspected outlaws who have been surrounded by troops in a southern town, but the president said the country's largest Muslim rebel group was not a target, as he tried to safeguard peace talks.

Efforts by Philippine authorities to arrest several current and former commanders of the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front who have been accused of kidnappings and other crimes sparked deadly clashes with troops last week, providing new complication to already-shaky peace negotiations and testing a years-long truce.

The Moro group has been waging a bloody fight for self-rule in southern Mindanao region, homeland of minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines. A cease-fire has held since 2008, when the peace talks bogged down and ignited widespread fighting that killed hundreds of people.

President Benigno Aquino III, under pressure because of a clamor to suspend talks and order assaults against the Moro group, said his administration would continue talks with the insurgents but seek the arrest of criminals, including those from the rebel group.

"It is so easy, out of frustration, to close the door on negotiations at this time," Aquino said Monday. "If we go down this path, more innocent civilians will be put in harm's way."

"We will not pursue all-out war," Aquino said. "We will instead pursue all-out justice."

A massive assault launched by the military in a hinterland in the coastal town of Payao in southern Zamboanga Sibugay province Monday targeted around 150 bandits, including former Muslim guerrillas who the police have tried to arrest for alleged kidnappings for ransom, police said.

The suspected outlaws have resisted arrest and are encamped with gunmen near Payao, where they have been encircled by about 200 army troops and police in recent days. Air force OV-10 bomber planes attacked the gunmen before ground forces moved in, sparking clashes that killed two soldiers and four gunmen, regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Panetta: US at 'turning point,' to refocus on Asia

TOKYO (AP)—The winding down of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan marks a pivot point for the U.S. military, which must now focus on looming threats such as the rising military might of China, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Monday.Panetta used his first visit to Japan as Pentagon chief to sound an emerging theme of the Obama administration: America will remain a global economic and military power despite coming budget reductions, and the Asia-Pacific region will be central to U.S. national security strategy. In a question-and-answer session with U.S. and Japanese troops at Yokota Air Base, Panetta ticked off a list of threats that he said demand more U.S. attention as it completes its departure from Iraq this year and targets 2014 for the withdrawal of combat forces from Afghanistan. He mentioned cyberattacks, the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea, Mideast turmoil and "rising powers"—an allusion to China.

Thailand says flood death toll rises to 366

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's government says the death toll from catastrophic flooding nationwide has risen to 366. The Flood Relief Operations Center says water levels in provinces north of Bangkok are stable or subsiding, but the massive runoff is still bearing down on the city as it flows south toward the Gulf of Thailand. Authorities have declared seven of the capital's 50 districts, located in the north and northwest, at risk and those zones are experiencing minor flooding.

Philippine prosecutors to summon ex-president

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine prosecutors are summoning former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and 35 other people for a preliminary investigation into complaints they rigged elections in 2007. Prosecutor General Claro Arellano said Monday that the summons will be sent to Arroyo, her husband Jose Miguel Arroyo, and other former officials for a Nov. 3 hearing. Two complaints of electoral sabotage have been filed against them. Arroyo is accused of conspiring with officials in tampering with election returns to favor her candidates at a time when she was battling impeachment.

World

Libyan leader seeks to calm West on Sharia fears

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—After giving a speech that emphasized the Islamization of Libya, the head of the transitional government on Monday tried to reassure the Western powers who helped topple Moammar Gadhafi that the country's new leaders are moderate Muslims.

Just as in neighboring Tunisia and Egypt, Islamists have emerged from yet another Arab Spring uprising as the most powerful group in the country. How far they will go will be decided at the ballot box—in Tunisia this week, in Egypt in November and in Libya within eight months.

National Transitional Council leader Mustafa Abdul-Jalil said Sunday that Islamic Sharia law would be the main source of legislation, that laws contradicting its tenets would be nullified, and that polygamy would be legalized.

"I would like to assure the international community that we as Libyans are moderate Muslims," said Abdul-Jalil, who added that he was dismayed by the focus abroad on his comments Sunday on polygamy. A State Department spokeswoman said the U.S. was encouraged that he had clarified his earlier statement.

The stir created by Abdul-Jalil's address in Benghazi, the eastern Libyan city where the anti-Gadhafi uprising was born in mid-February, came as international pressure mounted on him to investigate the circumstances of Gadhafi's death.

Abdul-Jalil ordered an inquiry to establish whether the deposed Libyan leader was killed in an execution-style slaying after being captured alive Thursday by fighters in his hometown of Sirte or whether he died in the crossfire as government officials have suggested.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland reiterated U.S. support for a full investigation but said "it's now time for Libya to move on." She endorsed the NTC's proposed timeline for next steps in the democratic transition, and said Libyans "with no blood on their hands" must be ensured "a place in the new Libya, and that they are safe and they are included."

Turks weep as survivors, bodies pulled from rubble

ERCIS, Turkey (AP)—Distraught Turkish families mourned outside a mosque or sought to identify loved ones among rows of bodies Monday as rescue workers scoured debris for survivors after a 7.2-magnitude quake that killed at least 279 people.

Rescue teams with generator-powered floodlights worked into the night in the worst-hit city of Ercis, where running water and electricity were cut by the quake that rocked eastern Turkey on Sunday. Unnerved by over 200 aftershocks, many residents slept outside their homes, making campfires to ward off the cold, as aid organizations rushed to erect tents for the homeless.

Victims were trapped in mounds of concrete, twisted steel and construction debris after over a hundred buildings in two cities and mud-brick homes in nearby villages pancaked or partially collapsed in Sunday's earthquake. About 80 multistory buildings collapsed in Ercis, a city of 75,000 close to the Iranian border that lies in one of Turkey's most earthquake-prone zones.

Cranes and other heavy equipment lifted slabs of concrete, allowing residents to dig for the missing with shovels.

Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said the quake killed 279 people and injured 1,300, though search-and-rescue efforts could end as early as Tuesday. Authorities said 10 of the dead were students learning about the Quran at a religious school that collapsed.

Grieving families cried outside an Ercis mosque.

"My nephew, his wife and their child, all three dead. May God protect us from this kind of grief," resident Kursat Lap said.

Bodies were still being pulled from the rubble late Monday. Dozens were placed in body bags or covered by blankets, laid in rows so people could search for their missing relatives.

"It's my grandson's wife. She was stuck underneath rubble," said Mehmet Emin Umac.

Several other men carried a child's body wrapped in a white cloth as weeping family members followed behind.

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Applications can be obtained at and submitted to Century Insurance Company (CIC) office at the JP Center Building on Beach Road Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00PM, Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Campus Life

Colleges expand offerings amid natural gas boom

ZANESVILLE, Ohio (AP)—Shuttered businesses and boarded-up houses dot the streets of historic Zanesville, the struggling river city where Cory May is starting a life with his young wife.

Until recently, job prospects in his native eastern Ohio were grim—even for a hard-working Marine reservist willing to work hard or relocate. May's mother works as a school janitor in Cambridge, his nearby hometown. His machinist dad is among the county's 11 percent unemployed. Most of his better situated friends are in the military or work at one of the area's remaining factories.

"It's either that or working minimum wage for the rest of your life, and let's be honest, who really wants to do that?" said May, a sturdy 23-year-old who's done a tour each in Iraq and Afghanistan since he turned 18.

The natural gas industry has changed his prospects.

Vast stores of natural gas in the Marcellus and Utica shales running under Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia have set off a rush to grab leases and secure permits to drill using the extraction technique called hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

May snapped up the opportunity through his local community college, Zane State, to take a two-week, 80-hour shale exploration certification course developed by the private company Retrain America. When he graduated, he'd interviewed for three jobs and taken a position cementing wells for Halliburton that will pay $60,000 to $70,000 a year.

Zane State is among dozens of public colleges and universities across the northeastern shale states that are moving to add new staff, academic majors or job-training courses in fields related to natural gas.

Through a 3-year, $4.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, for example, five communities colleges in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York formed a coalition called ShaleNET. It's focused on recruiting, training and placing people in high-priority natural gas occupations.

"There's really been a sea change in these opportunities, a cornucopia of community colleges and local workforce training programs across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, even the southern tier of New York," said Travis Windle, a spokesman for the Marcellus Shale Coalition, representing energy and exploration companies. "As natural gas continues to expand, so do the needs for a local workforce with these skills that are going to be in need for the next 50 years, or even more."

Training shale workers is not only on the minds of energy interests in the Northeast; newly available resources in Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Texas have also been met with new educational offerings. Those include the Colorado Energy Research Institute's outreach efforts with a dozen community and technical colleges, and the professional land management certificate program started just last month by the University of Texas at Austin. The field's promised job growth is being documented.

New federal data released in September showed Washington County, Pa.—one of the nation's most active shale gas-producing areas and home to the first Marcellus well—saw the third-highest percent increase in employment in the nation. A July study conducted by Penn State University estimated that the industry supported 44,000 jobs statewide last year. Industry estimates show the Marcellus boom could continue robust employment for as long as 50 years.

A recent study by the Ohio Oil and Gas Association predicted that extracting natural gas from the Utica Shale, which deeply underlies the Marcellus, would create or support more than 200,000 Ohio jobs over the next four years.

SAEF students win big in NJFL

The first National Junior Forensic League Competition for this school year, held on Oct. 8, 2011, at Marianas High School, was well-attended by many students of different schools. The following Saturday, Oct. 15, was the Math Court Competition at Hopwood Junior High School.

Students of the Saipan American Education Foundation were among the participants of both competitions, with the school's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders doing their best to outshine the other competitors.

Their efforts were not in vain, with Jd Faye Pascua going home with the first place ribbon in Original Oratory and Karen Fajardo landing second place in the same category.

Avelyne Alvarez and Kristine Fajardo got second place in Duo Interpretation, together with Jd Faye Pascua and Kyle Villegas. Third place went to Candice Aldan and Karen Fajardo.

Kyle Villegas won third honors in Poetry, while Caleb Rocher-Light placed fifth in Prose.

The school's Math Court winners are Miki Angel Takayama, who won first place, while Caleb Rocher-Light placed fourth.

"Congratulations to all the winners. You just have made our school and your family so proud of you!" ***(PR)***

SAEF School students pose with their teachers/coaches. From left to right, Levi Sobremisana, Caleb Rocher-Light, Rosalie Habijan, Candice Aldan, Miki Angel Takayama, Jd Faye Pascua, Kyle Villegas, Karen Fajardo, Avelyne Alvarez, Kristine Fajardo, Criselda Aldan, and Jener Pineda.

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Eucon students shine in first PGFC contest

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Students of the Eucon International School have their picture taken after taking part in the first Primary Grade Forensic Conference competition.

The first Primary Grade Forensic Conference competition this year once again showcased the talents of Eucon International School students, who placed their school on the map of "Speech Excellence." The following students garnered the most coveted place in Speech competency.

DIVISION K-2
Duo Speaking
- Dane Hodges: 1st Place
- Joy Yan: 1st Place
- Noreen Vidal: 1st Place
- Allia Pillarina: 1st Place

Dramatic Interpretation
- Allia Pillarina : 1st Place
- Dane Hodges: 1st Place
- Joanah Jimenez: 2nd Place
- Enoch Chen: 4th Place

Humorous Interpretation
- Joy Yan: 2nd Place

Reader's Forum
- Clark Transmano: 3rd Place

Choral Speaking
- Christopher Mafnas: 1st Place
- Joanah Jimenez: 1st Place
- Yvonne Abustan: 1st Place
- Arman Cabrerra: 5th Place
- Clark Transmano: 5th Place
- Luis Tolosa: 5th Place
- Chan Yang Woo: 5th Place

3TH - 5TH DIVISION
Choral Speaking
- Chisa Kobayashi: 1st Place
- Victoria Nicole Santos: 1st Place
- Jin Seok Park: 1st Place
- Caleb Yan: 1st Place
- Elijah Villarmero: 1st Place

Duo Interpretation
- Joanie Paraiso: 1st Place
- Ivy Leong: 1st Place
- Meeso Bell: 5th Place
- Erin Trasmano: 5th Place

Reader's Forum
- Joanie Paraiso: 1st Place
- David Mafnas: 1st Place

Humorous Interpretation
- Jin Seok Park: 2nd Place

Special thanks to EUCON International School Speech Department:

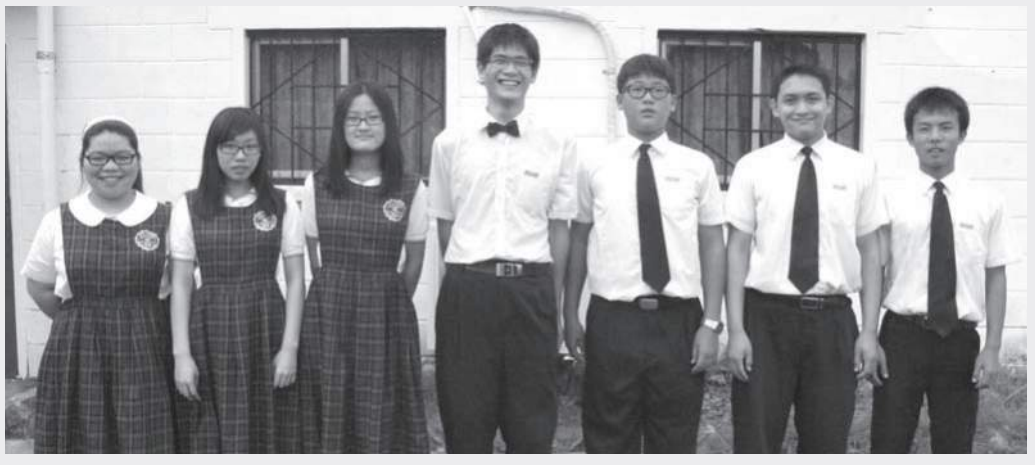
Coaches:
- Mrs. Samihna Kakuse, Mrs. Thess Miral, Ms. Christa Wei, Ms. Nicole Blackwell, and Ms. Bethany Bunyan

Head Coach/Director: Rev. Pete Miral

...and also conquers Math Court

The first Math Court competition this year was very successful and once again Eucon International School students placed their school on the map for mathematical excellence.

The following Eucon students garnered the most coveted place in mathematical competency.



Eucon International School students have their picture taken after participating in the first Math Court competition for this year.

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Chen Ren Ai, 1st place in Advance Algebra
Zhang Chun Chun, 2nd place in Advance Algebra
Chen Jin Zi, 4th place in Advance Algebra
Li Jin Ye, 1st place in HS Algebra
Zhang Chun Chun, 2nd place in HS Algebra
Chen Chen, 3rd place in HS Algebra
Duan Yu, 4th place in HS Algebra
Chen Jin Zi, 2nd place in Geometry
Chen Ren Ai, 2nd place in Geometry
Chen Chen, 2nd place in Geometry
Zhang Chun Chun, 3rd place in Geometry
Song Ki Beom, 3rd place in Jr. High Department

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Head Coach/Director: Rev. Pete Miral

Life & Style

Abu Dhabi vows to open Louvre branch in 2013

In this taken Sunday, May 17, 2009 file photo a newly constructed housing village for construction workers is seen on Saadiyat Island the location of the new Guggenheim Museum in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

AP

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—The Abu Dhabi developer building a vast cultural district in the Emirati capital said Monday a branch of the famed Louvre museum will open there in late 2013, despite questions about the timetable for another part of the project.

The Tourism Development and Investment Co. told The Associated Press that a branch of the Parisian art institution will be the first museum to open in the Saadiyat Island cultural district, a year behind schedule. Plans originally called for a 2012 opening date.

TDIC's comments came a day after the state-run developer disclosed it had dropped a tender seeking bids for major construction work on a branch of the Guggenheim Museum, raising questions about that project's future.

The developer insisted that all projects on the island will be completed, however.

"TDIC continuously monitors the delivery of its projects to ensure they remain on schedule, within budget and that TDIC's high standards are upheld throughout the process. TDIC is moving forward as planned with all of its announced projects including all the projects on Saadiyat," the company said in response to questions from the AP.

TDIC said work on the Louvre is "progressing as planned," with initial ground preparation and design work already complete.

Officials at the Louvre in Paris referred questions about the project to the Agence France-Museums, or the French Museums Agency, which was set up to coordinate to coordinate France's involvement with the project. No one there could be reached for comment.

On Sunday, TDIC confirmed that it had temporarily dropped plans to award a major construction contract for concrete work on the Guggenheim. It linked the decision to a review of its strategy for handing out jobs to contractors. It didn't say when it would again seek bids.

The Guggenheim in New York downplayed the move.

"This is a decision by TDIC relating to construction and does not affect the ongoing planning for the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi Museum," Deputy Director Eleanor Goldhar said by email Monday.

The Guggenheim and the Louvre branches are the highest profile attractions planned for Saadiyat Island. The area slated for the cultural district, now just a wind-swept desert construction site, is just a short drive from the downtown skyscrapers rapidly being built along Abu Dhabi's Persian Gulf waterfront.

TDIC is one of several companies set up by Abu Dhabi to diversify the economy and drive development in the emirate, which borders Dubai to the south. The money-losing company relies heavily on direct cash infusions from the oil-rich Abu Dhabi government, but has also turned to banks to fund some of its operations.

Defense of Jackson case opens with doctor, police

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Defense attorneys for the doctor accused of killing Michael Jackson began their case Monday after prosecutors spent four weeks presenting a portrait of the physician as the inept, distracted engineer of the King of Pop's death.

One of the first defense witnesses was Dr. Allan Metzger, who testified that Jackson asked him about intravenous sleep medications roughly two months before the singer's death.

Metzger told jurors that he warned the superstar of the risks.

Metzger also said he had known for at least 15 years that Jackson had trouble sleeping. When he made a house call to the singer's home in April 2009, Metzger said the singer asked him about intravenous sleep medications and anesthetics. The singer never mentioned a specific drug that he wanted, Metzger said.

"I think he used the word juice," Metzger said. The physician prescribed two oral medications, although he said the singer told him that he did not believe any oral medication would work.

AP

In this taken Sunday, May 17, 2009 file photo a newly constructed housing village for construction workers is seen on Saadiyat Island the location of the new Guggenheim Museum in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The doctor said Jackson mentioned he wanted an anesthetic.

Prosecutors were quick to exploit the testimony to show that another doctor had rejected any suggestion by the singer that he receive anesthetics as a sleep aid.

"You explained to him that it was dangerous, life-threatening and should not be done outside a hospital, correct?" prosecutor David Walgren asked on cross-examination.

"That's correct," the doctor replied.

Metzger added that there was no amount of money that would have prompted him to give Jackson the anesthetic propofol, which he said the singer didn't mention by name during their visit.

The doctor was called by attorneys for Dr. Conrad Murray, who has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Authorities contend Murray gave Jackson a lethal dose of propofol as a sleep aid.

Metzger was one of several hostile witnesses that defense attorneys plan to call during their case, which began with brief testimony from a 911 records custodian, a police surveillance specialist and two detectives who investigated Murray.

They also called Cherilyn Lee, a nurse practitioner who has previously said Jackson asked her for propofol but she refused to provide it.

The detectives, Dan Myers and Orlando Martinez, were both asked about statements given by Jackson's bodyguard Alberto Alvarez, who previously testified that Murray told him to place some medical equipment and vials in a bag before calling 911.

The defense has contended that Alvarez may have changed his story to fit details released by coroner's officials.

The lawyers also noted previously that the bodyguard did not mention that Murray told him to place the items in a bag until more than two months after Jackson's death.

Obama mingles with the stars as he raises cash

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Will Smith and basketball standout Earvin "Magic" Johnson for dinner and Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas for post-meal mingling. President Barack Obama waded into the domain of the stars Monday as he hit the California fundraising circuit in one of his busiest donor outreach trips of the season.

Smith, in an elegant three-piece suit, and Johnson, the standout former point guard for the Los Angeles Lakers, were guests at the home of producer James Lassiter and his wife, Mai. About 40 contributors, including actress Hillary Duff, contributed $35,800 each for a cozy dinner and a chance to chat with the president. Obama, eager to reinvigorate his supporters, ticked off his administration's accomplishments.

"Sometimes I think people forget how much has gotten done," the president said as he urged his backers to rally once again, at the same time joking, as he often does, that he is older and grayer now. "This election won't be as sexy as the first one."

The Lassiter dinner, followed by a larger affair at the home of Griffith and Banderas, were part of a three-day, fundraising-rich swing through Nevada, California and Colorado. California, however, is his biggest donor state and he raised about $1 million in the Los Angeles area alone during the past two fundraising quarters, according to an Associated Press review of contributions above $200.

Testing a re-election theme, Obama is also telling donors that the country is suffering from an economic crisis and political crisis. "People are crying out for action," he says.

Pointing to elements of his $447 billion jobs plan that was rejected by Republican lawmakers, Obama said they likely would linger as campaign issues in 2012.

"This is the fight that we're going to have right now, and I suspect this is the fight that we're going to have to have over the next year," Obama told about 240 donors at a fundraising event earlier Monday at the Bellagio hotel and casino in Las Vegas. "The Republicans in Congress and the Republican candidates for president have made their agenda very clear."

The Las Vegas fundraiser attracted about 240 people who paid from $1,000 to $35,800 toward Obama's re-election campaign and to the Democratic National Committee. The bigger donors met the president personally.

Others at Lassiter's Hancock Park home included Troy Carter, the manager of Grammy award winner Lady Gaga. The singer herself was a guest at a fundraiser last month at the Atherton home of Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg.

Couple clashes over bringing sex offender home for holidays

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband recently asked how I would feel about him buying a plane ticket for his brother "Jake" to visit us and his parents over the holidays. I told him I wouldn't like it—not because my husband would be paying for the ticket, but because Jake is a registered sex offender.

My husband is now upset with me, saying Jake "served his time." I understand that, but the underage girl he messed around with was his niece. My daughter is 10 and starting to develop. She's also affectionate with family. I don't want her hugging Uncle Jake.

My husband and I are now not speaking. He told me that if his family isn't welcome in our house, he will start treating MY family badly. Am I wrong for not wanting Jake sleeping under the same roof as my daughter?

PROTECTIVE MOM IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR PROTECTIVE MOM: No, you're not wrong. That your husband would try to blackmail you into allowing a registered sex offender to sleep in the same house as your adolescent daughter is deplorable. Your daughter is old enough to be told that Uncle Jake has a problem with young girls, and that if he ever makes a move on her, you want to know immediately.

It isn't like Jake did time for bank robbery. Sex offenders are usually prohibited from having contact with minors. The man has a sexual impulse disorder that shouldn't be ignored, and your husband should not allow any risk that your daughter might be molested.

DEAR ABBY: My son accidentally hit my neighbor's car with his bike. We immediately went over, told him to get an estimate, and I said I would gladly pay the cost of repair. Three days later, our neighbor came over with the estimate and I wrote him a check.

As time went on, I noticed the car wasn't fixed, so one day when I saw him outside I asked him about it. He told me his wife needed some things, so he gave her the money I had given him. He said he wasn't really that concerned about the car.

Since I gave him the money to fix the car, shouldn't he have used it for that purpose? My husband says once I gave our neighbor the money, it was his to do with as he liked. I feel I did the right thing and he took the money knowing he was never going to fix the dent. What do you think?

TOO GOOD A NEIGHBOR IN OHIO

DEAR TOO GOOD: I don't think a person can ever be "too good" a neighbor, and I agree with your husband.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of two years, "Cash," can't fall asleep or stay asleep unless the TV is on—any show, any channel, even infomercials. I am the opposite. The noise keeps me awake, and I have heard it's not good to have a TV in the bedroom.

We compromised by getting a remote with a timer. I can give up the 60 or 90 minutes he needs to fall asleep. But he frequently wakes up in the middle of the night and turns the TV back on, or moves to the couch to watch the TV there.

I asked Cash if he'd remove the TV from our bedroom. His response was, "Well, I guess I'll be sleeping on the couch a lot." I'd love to keep my husband in bed, but I'd also like to get some rest. Advice, Abby?

SLEEP-DEPRIVED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SLEEP-DEPRIVED: Yes. There must be a reason for your husband's irregular sleep habits. He should discuss with his doctor the fact that he can't sleep through the night. He may have a physical problem or a sleep disorder. In order for BOTH of you to function in your waking lives, it's important that you are well-rested.

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U2 honored as 'Greatest Act' in last 25 years

LONDON (AP)—Rock icons U2 have something new to brag about—winning Q Magazine's Greatest Act of the Last 25 Years award.

The annual music awards by Britain's best-selling music monthly took place Monday in London and the Irish quartet was among the music notables at the ceremony.

The U.K.'s artist of the moment, singer/songwriter Adele, won two awards, for Best Female and Best Track for her song "Rolling in the Deep." She didn't attend, since the event comes just two weeks after she was forced to cancel her U.S. tour due to throat problems.

Coldplay was voted Best Act in the World Today, although lead singer Chris Martin disagreed with the accolade.

"U2 are the best band in the world at the moment. We are about seventh," he said.

Noel Gallagher, one-half of the warring brothers who led the rock band Oasis to chart glory, was named a Q icon. But he said that award did not come close to rivaling his joy when his favorite soccer team, Manchester City, smashed cross-town rival Manchester United 6-1 on Sunday.

"No award can compare to that. That was the best day of my life, bar my children being born," Gallagher said.

Eighteen awards were handed out, including to rapper Tinie Tempah for Best Male Artist and to U.S. Internet sensation Lana Del Ray, who was crowned the Next Big Thing.

Brian May and Roger Taylor accepted entry into the Q Hall of Fame on behalf of glam rockers Queen, and Take That's Gary Barlow was honored as Classic Songwriter.

AP

Members of the Irish Band U2 from left, Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen, arrive on the red carpet for the Q Music Magazine Awards at a central London hotel, Monday, Oct. 24, 2011.

Winfrey interviews Ralph Lauren live in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—When Ralph Lauren sat down for a little chat Monday night with Oprah Winfrey, they picked up a discussion they started on TV back in the spring, when the fashion designer helped close out Winfrey's long-running talk show with an exclusive peek inside his Colorado estate.

But this time, their talk about Lauren's life, career and commitment to cancer causes was at Lincoln Center in front of a sold-out crowd of arts patrons and a celebrity guest list that included Michael J. Fox, NBC News anchorman Brian Williams, Diane von Furstenberg, Anna Wintour, Martha Stewart and Naomi Watts.

The conversation raised more than $7 million for Lauren's cancer care center in East Harlem along with the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In a pre-show interview, Lauren said he wanted to do this because he believes in the causes.

"I've been doing what I'm doing a long time, and I'm here to give back what I can," he said.

He said he can't remember the first time he met Winfrey but spent a long time with her when she first launched her magazine—and that formed a connection.

"I once found myself talking to Oprah in my car for an hour," he said. "Whenever I see her it's like I just saw her. That's a real connection."

But Winfrey, who wore a red portrait collar gown, told the audience it took 25 years for her to get the interview with Lauren at his Colorado ranch.

She said Lauren "designed the fabric of America the way we know it."

Monday's multimedia presentation was produced by Tony Award winner Darren Bagert. It ended with a fashion show of Lauren's spring collection.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg had declared Monday as The Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention Day.

AP

In this file photo taken May 7, 2011 provided by Harpo Productions, Inc., talk-show host Oprah Winfrey rides in a jeep with fashion designer Ralph Lauren at Lauren's RRL Ranch outside Telluride, Colo.

98 Degrees singer among Occupy Cincinnati arrests

CINCINNATI (AP)—Former boy band singer Justin Jeffre has pleaded not guilty to trespassing after being arrested in the Occupy Cincinnati protest.

Police say the member of 98 Degrees was one of 11 people arrested early Sunday at the city's Fountain Square after the 3 a.m. closing time. They also were charged with unlawful use of the square.

Jeffre tells The Cincinnati Enquirer he spent several hours in jail and it was "no fun." But he says it was the right place to be to stand up for free speech.

Attorney Jennifer Kinsley entered a not guilty plea for him Monday.

The now 38-year-old Jeffre is a founding member of 98 Degrees with Nick and Drew Lachey and Jeff Timmons. The group launched in the late 1990s. He has more recently been a Cincinnati political activist.

Murphy hopes 'not to drop the ball' as Oscars host

NEW YORK (AP)—With four months to go until the Academy Awards, Eddie Murphy is already feeling the pressure about hosting the ceremony.

At the premiere of his new comedy film "Tower Heist" he said he's "excited" about the job but "hoping not to drop the ball."

The film's director, Brett Ratner, is also producing the Academy Awards and approached Murphy with the idea of hosting.

On the comic's to-do list between now and then is to watch some movies.

"What's the front-runner? Who knows?" he asked on the red carpet.

Murphy was nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar in 2007 for his performance in "Dreamgirls" but lost to Alan Arkin.

The 84th Annual Academy Awards are Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Phoenix hospital to name room after Poison singer

PHOENIX (AP)—A Phoenix hospital is injecting a little Poison into families waiting for sick loved ones, thanks to a donation from 1980s hair band singer Bret Michaels. The Poison frontman plans to announce Thursday that he is donating TVs and sound systems for a waiting room at the St. Joseph's Barrow Neurological Institute, where he was treated in April 2010 for a brain hemorrhage. The equipment will allow families to relax and listen to music. In return, the waiting room will be named after Michaels. He was also treated at the hospital earlier this year for a procedure to fix a hole in his heart. Doctors discovered the hole when they treated him for the brain hemorrhage. Michaels says in a statement that the room will be "warm and hip."

Loretta Lynn out of hospital, recovering at home

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Loretta Lynn is out of the hospital and resting at her home in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. A statement Monday from Loretta Lynn Enterprises says the country music icon has been treated for bacterial pneumonia. The 76-year-old was forced to cancel a show in Ashland, Ky., on Saturday because of the illness. She woke up on her tour bus around 1:30 a.m. Saturday having difficulty breathing. She was treated at a Bowling Green, Ky., hospital over the weekend and released. "It was one scary night," Lynn says in the statement. She says she's feeling better and will return to the road Nov. 3 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

YOU'RE ON MY HALF OF THE BED! MOVE OVER!
YOUR SIDE IS WAY OVER THERE! GIVE ME BACK THOSE COVERS!
CALVIN, BE QUIET AND GO TO SLEEP!!
YOU HEARD DAD. HE SAID TO GET ON YOUR SIDE AND LEAVE THE COVERS ALONE!
THAT'S NOT WHAT HE SAID! HEY! YOU STOLE MY PILLOW! THIS LUMPY ONE IS YOURS!

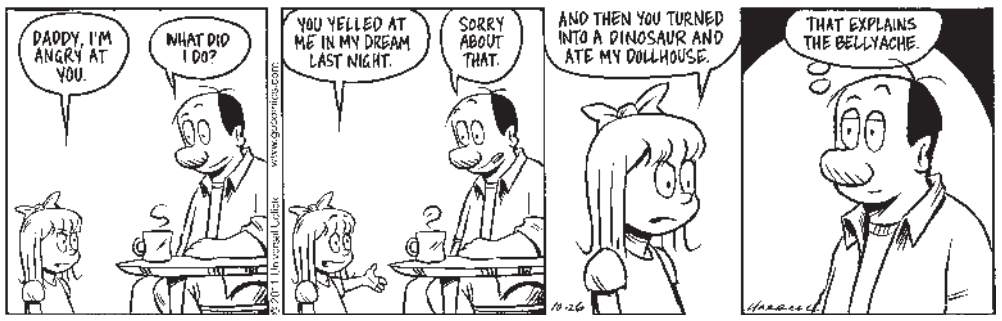
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

GENERAL, THE ZOMBIES HAVE BREACHED OUR PERIMETER!
SHOULD I HOLD MY POSITION? OVER...
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW? OVER...
DIPPING MY FOOT IN GUACAMOLE, SIR. OVER...
I'D FALL BACK ABOUT NOW

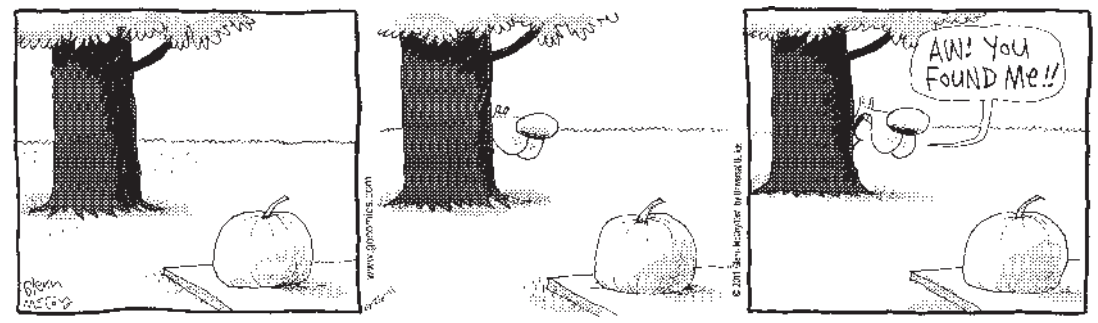
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


DADDY, I'M ANGRY AT YOU.
WHAT DID I DO?
YOU YELLED AT ME IN MY DREAM LAST NIGHT.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
AND THEN YOU TURNED INTO A DINOSAUR AND ATE MY DOLLHOUSE.
THAT EXPLAINS THE BELLYACHE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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15 — for tat
16 Disadvantages
18 Big glitch
20 Zero
21 "Handsome — handsome does"
24 Wanderer
28 Reductions
32 Marceau's specialty
33 Individual
34 Farm refrain?
36 Junior
37 Western state
39 Reversals
41 On top of the world?
43 Ballet frill
44 Court
46 Emperor's proclamation
50 Rebates of a sort
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56 Actress Falco
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58 Informal Valentine word
59 Bleak, as literature
60 Fly high
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17 Crib
19 White lie
22 Galatea's love
23 Form of trapshooting
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26 Out of control
27 Lairs
28 Masterstroke
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30 Blue hue
31 In — (as found)
35 Less quick-witted
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40 Diving bird
42 Steal from
45 Lummoxes
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Yesterday's answer 10-26

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Money matters will not be clear-cut. Be cautious of any deal that sounds too good to be true. A partnership will lead to a challenging enterprise. Someone with whom you do business will cause you stress. Anger won't solve a problem, but patience will. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Put pressure on anyone that doesn't follow through with a promise. A partnership will be on shaky ground if one or both of you refuse to accept the inevitable. Don't let a stubborn attitude cause a plan to come to a halt. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Consider your health and well-being. You may be left out of the loop with regard to a job project or employment opportunity. Don't let anyone interfere with your plans. Don't make domestic changes that affect others. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Love is highlighted. Socializing and networking will broaden your circle of friends and your interests. Taking time to update your image or add to your qualifications will lead to greater opportunities in the future. Favors will be granted. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll face opposition if you spend time at home or interacting with relatives or roommates. Tempers will be close to the surface and financial problems or disagreements are likely. You will have to make some tough decisions, as well as changes to your lifestyle. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll get your point across and drum up the help you need. Getting involved in an event or activity will add to your experience and confidence, bringing you greater knowledge and opening the door to future opportunities. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): The pressure to finish what you start will be stressful. Make a positive change that will help you promote a creative idea. Update your resume or look for a way to make extra cash. Someone you used to work with will give you a lead. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't let secrets, jealousy or possessiveness cause you grief. Arguments will get you nowhere, and overreacting will lead to separation. If you want to resolve a problem, you have to be willing to meet halfway. Don't let the past hold you hostage. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Truth will count. You may not want to hurt someone's feelings, but attempting to avoid the inevitable will make things worse. Rather than putting money into other people's ventures, invest in your own. A secret affair may entice you. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You will get recognition for your talents, skills and attributes. Network with people you feel can help you get ahead. There is money to be made if you are honest about what you have to offer. Don't let love cost you. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): The people you meet or deal with will confuse or mislead you. Consider your motives before you get involved in a group or activity that may not be suitable. Don't be a follower when you should be a leader. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Good fortune is within reach. Reconnect with someone from your past. Personal and home improvements will pay off. What appears to be a negative turn of events will end up being a blessing in disguise. Look for new beginnings. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/25

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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1-Offset Operator. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In operating offset printing machine.

1-Industrial Engineer.$5.05-6.00/h. 5yrs exp. In solving production problems; develops control systems that help in analysis of costs and planning of finances; develops cost efficient processes; and monitors the general flow of operations.

1-Seamstress. $5.05/h. 4yrs exp. In sewing t-shirts and different kinds of sports uniforms. Please send resume to PO Box 8065 SVRB, Saipan MP 96950 or email at rosal_zest@yahoo.com. (Rosal/Zest Enterprises & United Printers)

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(1) Accounting Associate. $5.05-6-.00/h, College graduate w/at least 5 yrs work related exp. knowledgeable w/AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software is preferred.

(1) F&B Manager. $5.05-6.00/h. Bachelor's Degree w/at least 5 yrs work related exp.. Must have good working knowledge in Japanese.

(4) Cook. $5.05/h. Flexible working hours. At least 5 yrs professional exp. & specialized in Russian gourmet. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service. Vimar Offshore, Inc. dba Manic Inn. Email resume w/job references to manicinn@pticom.com

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WHATZIT Solution: All hands on dark

EMPLOYMENT

Church Clerk(1) Part time (24hrs/wk) Korean language a must. Computer literate, 5 yrs ofc wrk exp. Send resume to Korean Presbyterian Church, PO Box 501526 Saipan, MP 96950 or call 234-8541

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2 Carpenter $ 5.05/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796 Kimco Enterprises, Inc.

1-Commercial Cleaner. 20 plus years experience. Contact Island Management Services at 483-9464.

1-Accountant-$5.05/hr. Mail resume to O & S Enterprises at P.O. Box 504247, Saipan or call 234-5959

1-General Manager $1,500-2,000/m. At least 5yrs experience. 1-Manager $1,500-1,800/m At least 5yrs experience.1-Assistant Manager 1,500-1,800/m At least 5yrs experience. 4-Arcade Attendant $5.05. At least 3-5yrs experience. 2-Commercial Cleaner $5.05/h 2-5yrs experience. 1-Electronic Technician $5.05-8.00/h. Bachelor Degree. 5yrs experience. 1-Dress maker $5.05/h. At least 3yrs experience. Interested U.S. applicant may send resume to Jimin Enterprises, Inc. PMB 844 Box 10001 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. 233-3378

1-Manager. 3-5 yrs experience, 1-Cook 3-5 years experience. Able to cook Chinese and Western cuisines. Interested U.S. applicant may send resume to Alice International Corporation P.O. Box 5530 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. 233-6666

1-Commercial Cleaner. $5.05/hr. Min. 2 yrs experience. Email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com. I.M. Calvo, LLC.

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2 Scuba Diving Instructor $5.05/hr. Min 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Certified by PADI. Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel: 322-2320

EMPLOYMENT

2-Tailor. 2 years experience required. 2-Dressmaker. 2 years experience required. 2-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraisal, honest and trustworthy. 1-Administrative Officer. Minimum 5 years experience in administrative work. Applicant must have knowledge of computer applications for occupation revolves around the handling of information and assignments through the use of computers. Must have knowledge in accounting and bookkeeping software's such as Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Excel and Word. Must also have good oral and written communication skills. Must have own transportation and valid driver's license. Applicants must mail resume with valid identifications, police clearance & previous employment certification to PLATINUM INC. PMB 326 PPP Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please.

1-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraisal, honest and trustworthy. 1-Commercial Cleaner. Must have 3 to 4 years work experience with good employment records.Applicants must mail resume together with valid identifications, police clearance & previous employment certification to GOLDEN EAGLE CORPORATION PMB 326 PPP BOX 10000, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please.

2-Beauticians. Must have 2 to 3 years work experience. Must be able to work with flexible hours. 1-Barber. Must have 2 to 3 years work experience. Must be familiar with crew cut, flat top and hair tattoos. 1-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraising, honest and trustworthy. Applicants must mail resume together with valid identifications, police clearance and previous employment certification to CALMA CORPORATION PMB 205 PPP BOX 10000, SAIPAN MP 96950. No phone calls please.

2-Auto (radiator) repairer: $5.05/hr. At least five years of experience required. Email resume to grace@hanmisaipan.com.

EMPLOYMENT

1-Piano teacher: $1,800/mo. Bachelor's degree in music education and at leasr five years of experience required. Email resume to yonsei@hanmisaipan.com.

2-Scuba Diving Instructor $5.05/hr Min 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Certified by PADI Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel: 322-2320

1-Cook. Salary $800-$1,200. Monthly. More than 5 years experience. 1-Cook Helper. Salary $5.05/hr. More than 5 years experience. Interested applicants may email resume to julideth99@yahoo.com no later than Oct. 28, 2011. KEUM OH CORPORATION

1-Cook. Salary $5.05/hr. More than 5 years experience. 1-Cook Helper. Salary $5.05/hr. More than 5 years experience. Interested applicants may email resume to jang.corp@yahoo.com no later than Oct. 28, 2011. JANG CO. LTD.

Professional House Sitter, References. aspentraxx@yahoo.com

Yoga for Beginners of All Ages Excellent, Experienced & Certified Teacher aspentraxx@yahoo.com

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1-Auto Mechanic. 12 Housekeeping/Janitorial Cleaners. 5 years experience $ 5.05/hr. Contact 235-8097 to fax resume or email to janilos2007@gmail.com. SANDOR COMPANY

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2 All Around Beautician. With Experience. Please call 235-4865 or 788-4865. BRIANNA BEAUTY SALON

1-Certified Real Estate Appraiser. Must be a CNMI licensed general appraiser. 15 yrs experience. $1,500 - $2,000.00 p/m. Marianas Professional Services, Inc. Email resume to lbtappraisal@pticom.com

1-Accountant. $1,000.00p/m. Bachelor Degree in Accounting. 5 yr experience. Must be flexible. Email resume to lbtappraisal@pticom.com

EMPLOYMENT

10 Comm. Cleaner–Pacific Island Cleaning. 5 yrs exp. $5.0.5/hr email resume. jerry.lucky13@yahoo.com

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5-Carpenter - $5.05/hr., 5 yrs. experience. Send resume to Juan A. Gacayan, P.O. Box 505426, Saipan, MP96950.

5-Mason - $5.05/hr., 5 yrs. experience. Send resume to Juan A. Gacayan, P.O. Box 505426, Saipan, MP96950.

25-Com'l. Cleaner - $5.05/hr., 5 yrs. experience. Send resume to Juan A. Gacayan, P.O. Box 505426, Saipan, MP96950.

1-Certified Electrician-$5.05/hr., 5yrs. experience. Send resume to Juan A. Gacayan, P.O. Box 505426, Saipan, MP96950.

1-IT Administrative Support - Assoc. degree in computer science, 5 yrs. experience, knowledge in accounting, tax preparation, proficient in PX11 system (API), willing to work on weekends and holidays. Send resume to apexsaipan@yahoo.com.

1-Foreigh Currency Teller/Cashier - High school graduate or equivalent, 2 yrs. experience, computer literate, knowledge in PX11 System (API), willing to work on weekends and holidays. Send resume to apexsaipan@yahoo.com.

K's International Corporation is need of 2–Beauticians, 2 years experience required. Please submit resume to PMB 1115 Box 10003, Saipan MP 96950

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1 Accountant $5.05-$12.00/hr. Email joe.c.guerrero@gmail.com. Saint Joseph's Medical tel 2334582

Part time admin. asst. for Ionique, accounting and customer service, send resume to bruce@ionique.com

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6 Household Workers $5.05-$5.50/hr. MTO Maintenance (Spn), Inc. email admin@mtosaipan.com tel 7897306

Advanced Language & Academic Institute
Tel: (670) 234-7944/ (670) 285-7678 • E-mail: allc.saipan@gmail.com
2nd Floor D.Y. II Bldg. San Jose, Saipan, MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Assistant Manager. Salary: $7.50 per hour.
- Review time sheets, work charts, wage computation & other information to detect and reconcile payroll discrepancies. Verify attendance, hours worked and pay adjustment.
- Be able to assist general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the institute's efficiency & profitable operations. Duties include but are not limited to transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status, supervise and lead staff & teachers.
- Korean speaker is a plus & able to handle, counsel & educate students/children.

1 - Assistant to the Assistant Manager. Salary: $6.00 per hour.
- Must be qualified in business English as well as written & oral reporting. Be proficient in inventory, book keeping & customer service.
- Must have extensive knowledge in educating children.

1 - Administrative Assistant emphasize on IT. Salary: $5.50 per hour
- At least 2 yrs. College courses. Extensive knowledge of word processing & billing software.
- Must have bookkeeping, basic fax filing experience.
- Operate computers programmed with accounting software to record & analyze information.
- Very dependable, able to work odd days & flexible hrs.
- Accept all customer inquiries, reservations & complaints.
- Prepare staff schedule.
- Keep records of daily sales, expenses & do the filing for record purposes.

All interested individuals may pick up an application on the 2nd floor of Payless Shoe Source, San Jose, Saipan. Submission of application must be accompanied with copies of Police Clearance, Resume, and a photo I.D. Please call 234-7944 for more information.

ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIAL INCORPORATED
Is Looking For

General Manager (1): Manage the day to day operational company, covering industrial equipment sales and services, repairs and maintenance of power station, industrial and commercial projects, commercial printing, and procurement of equipment and materials. Prepare budget and manpower requirements. Submit bid proposals, covering but not limited, preparation of equipment specifications, estimates, and documents. Deep knowledge of installation, operation, electrical and mechanical repairs and maintenance of equipment and machineries in utilities, power generation, transmission and distribution, and commercial and industrial establishments. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 10 years progressive experience in engineering management. Relevant degree preferred.

Wholesale Parts Salesman (1): Knowledgeable and able to promote & sell hydraulic, pneumatic & power tools & equipment, pumps, motors, measuring instruments & tools, industrial chemicals, oil & lubricants & spare parts for light & heavy equipment. Able to conduct technical presentation and possess skill & knowledge on methods for promoting & selling technical products & services. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 5 years experience on electrical/mechanical parts sales. Relevant degree preferred.

Offset Press Operator (1): Set up operate various types of printing equipment, such as but not limited to, offset, numbering, cutting, and embossing machines. Prepare graphic lay out and plates. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Electrical Technician (3): Set up and utilize electrical diagnostic test equipment and instruments. Analyze and trouble shoot programmable logic controllers, electro mechanical and electronic motor starters and drives. Rewind electric motors, generators, and transformers. Minimum 3 to 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Mechanical Technician (1): Analyze and trouble shoot industrial equipment such as steam boilers, diesel generators, and reverse osmosis, pneumatic, hydraulic systems and related industrial equipment. Perform welding and plumbing works and repair equipment foundation. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Carpenter (1): Install structures or fixtures i.e., cabinets, windows, doors, frames, flooring, trim or hardware using hand or power tools. Able to read and interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Painter (1): apply paint, varnish or another finishes to equipment, buildings or other structures using brushes, spray guns or rollers. Able to prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

HVAC Sheet Metal (1): Fabricate and install HVAC ducts, determine project requirements and scope of works. Able to interpret drawings or written instructions and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Submit application not later than November 4, 2011 at ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC., P.O. Box 503360 Saipan MP 96950 or email at asiapac@pticom.com, or call 235-5454.

JTV Enterprises, Inc.
is inviting qualified applicants for:

Custodial Worker (1 part-time) – High School Diploma, plus 6 years recent experience doing custodial work or general maintenance work in commercial building. Must be able to perform minor general building maintenance. Must be of excellent physical health to lift and use heavy cleaning equipment and furniture and fixtures. Must have no fear of height to clean building windows. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Caregiver (2 part-time positions) – Minimum of High School Diploma, plus 2 years recent experience providing care to elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities. Must be able to administer bedside or personal care, including personal hygiene assistance. Must be able to prepare and maintain records of client progress, monitor medication intake, and quick to spot progress or changes of elderly and report to responsible party. Duties shall include keeping house and preparing meals for the elderly. Must be patient, loving, and generally concerned of elderly welfare. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Applicants must be of good moral character, be able to work flexible hours, including graveyard shifts, good work ethics, reliable, and stress tolerant. Please submit resume, Police Clearance, and 2 by 2 picture to JTV Enterprises, Inc., As Lito Road, no later than October 26, 2011. Qualified applicants must be able to submit at least two Employment Certifications, including reference of good character.

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Construction Supervisor
1 - Carpenter

Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan

Job Vacancy Announcement

2-CATV PLANT-BROAD BAND TECHNICIAN
1-CATV PLANT HEADEND/BENCH TECHNICAN

Interested applicants may submit your application to CNMI Cable Vision, LLC. PO Box 501298, Saipan, MP 96950.
Tel. 235-4628 or email mcv.service@saipan.com

Job Vacancy Announcement
Dive Marianas Corporation

1 General Manager

Must have PADI License. At least 5 years work experience as Dive Shop Manager.

Compensation commensurate experience

Interested Qualified US Workers can e-mail resume to divemarianasinc@gmailcom

Hong Ye Trading Company
P.O. Box 502997 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

3-Mason, 4-Carpenters, 1-Electrician
Minimum of 2 to 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-8748.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager - $1000.00/mo.

10-Carpenters, 10-Masons, 7-Dressmakers / Seamstress, 3-Commercial Cleaners
Salary $ 5.05 per hour. 5 years work experience. At least high school graduate and/or college undergraduate.

Email resume to remmp96950@yahoo.com or call 233-6160

Job Vacancy Announcement
Island Essence Inc. is in need of

1 Operations Manager - at least 5 years experience in bridal design, event planning and floral arrangement.
2 Florist - at least 3 years work experience.
1 Dressmaker - at least 3 years work experience.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to Island Essence Inc. at 235-2231

3A'S POLYSHINE is looking for:

2 UPHOLSTERERS
- Considerable knowledge of the practices, methods, tools, materials, and equipment for upholstering.
- Some knowledge of the occupational hazards of upholstering work and of necessary safety precautions.
- Ability to make upholstery and other repairs to furniture and interiors of vehicles.
- Skill in the selection of upholstery materials and in use and care of upholstery tools and equipment.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

3 TINTER (window film installer)
- Considerable knowledge of the industrial practices of adhesive window films installation.
- Ability to work with varieties of window films and window glass surfaces and must not afraid of heights.
- Ability to work independent with minimum supervision.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

Interested individuals must be willing to undergo practical testing for position qualification. All interested applicants must submit resume before October 30, 2011 at 3A'S PLOYHSINE, Tel: 235-8938 located at Mike's Building, Beach Road, next to Car Quest Auto Parts, CK.

Hilights Beauty Salon
is inviting qualified applicants for:

Hairstylists/Cosmetologists (2 part-time positions) – Minimum of High School Diploma, plus 7 years recent experience in providing all around beauty services to customers from consultation, cutting, coloring, styling, massaging, makeup, hair removal, and nail and skin care services. Must be organized and follow all health and sanitation requirements. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Applicants must be of good moral character, be able to work flexible hours, including graveyard shifts, good work ethics, reliable, and stress tolerant. Please submit resume, Police Clearance, and 2 by 2 picture to Highlights Beauty Salon, JTV Bldg, As Lito Road, no later than October 26, 2011. Qualified applicants must be able to submit at least two Employment Certifications, including reference of good character.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Northern Marianas Trades Institute has an opening for an

Office Clerk

Salary will be based on qualifications.

Apply in person at
Saipan Ice & Water Company
or email resume to: spnice@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

Legal Counsel (2)

Open: October 24, 2011 • Closed: November 07, 2011
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for experienced legal counsels. Detailed information about the requirement for the positions and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com .

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

Office of the Public Auditor
1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill • P.O. Box 501399, Saipan MP 96950
Email: jobs@opacnmi.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

Auditor and Senior Auditor

Open: October 24, 2011 • Closed: November 07, 2011
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for experienced auditors to fill-in the following positions: Auditor and Senior Auditor. Detailed information about the requirement for the positions and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com .

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

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Email: jobs@opacnmi.com

IMMEDIATE OPENING

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"Any applicant tentatively selected for these positions are required to submit to and pass a drug test screening prior to employment."

SAIPAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, INC.
Port of Saipan

MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: Oct. 14, 2011 • Closing Date: Nov. 04, 2011

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation is looking for self-motivated individuals to fill the following positions:

1. **General Accountant**
   With Bachelor's Degree Major in Accounting.
   With minimum of 5-years experience in General accounting.
   Must be familiar with Peachtree Premium Accounting system.
   Working knowledge of Microsoft Office software.
   Must be familiar with CNMI/Federal Tax system.
   Must be familiar with FSM, RMI & Palau's Tax System.
   Salary depending on experience.
2. **Computer Support Specialist**
   Must have a course certificate or equivalent college degree in Computer Technology.
   With minimum of 5-years experience in computer, network and telecommunication systems.
   Must be familiar with Kemps Case Management Software.
   Salary depending on experience.

Please send your resume and current Police Clearance to: admin.central@mlscnet.org; fax to: (670) 322-7101 or mail to: P.O. Box 500269 Saipan, MP 96950.

MLSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

K.N.L. Co., Ltd.
dba Happy Island Tour
PMB 301 PPP Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel.: (670) 235-9500

Job Vacancy Announcement

6 Tour Guide: $5.05/hr, tips and commission. At least two years of tour guiding experience in Saipan is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required.

1 Operations Manager (Tour): $1,000-$1,400/mo. Bachelor's degree and at least five years of experience in tour industry is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required.

1 General Manager: $1,000-$2,500/mo. At least five years of experience in tour agency management is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required.

1 Vehicle, Building and Grounds Cleaner: $4.05/hr. At least two years of professional cleaning experience is required.

Email resume to knl@hanmisaipan.com.

Job Vacancy Announcement
JAGUAR LIMITED DBA. CLUB MERMAID

1 GENERAL MANAGER
Qualifications:
- 3 - 4 years work experience.
- College graduate or college level with Management Course.
- Responsible for establishing goals & objectives for the operation.
- Has excellent sales and marketing executions.
- Ability to control profit & loss with business analysis.
- Salary $7.00/hr

1 BARTENDER
Qualifications:
- At least 3 – 5 years experience.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

1 SUPERVISOR
Qualifications:
- 3 – 5 years work experience in Bar/Night Club operation.
- Preferably College Graduate or College level.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.

15 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

5 SINGERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Singer in a Karaoke Bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to PMB 697 BOX 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Executive Director

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) provides free legal services to people of limited financial means in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The administrative office is located in Capitol Hill, Saipan. MLSC is seeking applications for the position of **Executive Director**, who will work at the Capitol Hill Office.

Qualifications:
A J.D. degree, or the equivalent, and at least ten years of relevant professional legal experience, preferably in the area of providing free legal services to those of limited financial means.

General Responsibilities:
The Executive Director acts as the chief executive officer of Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and is appointed by and accountable to the Board Directors of MLSC. The Executive Director is responsible for insuring the economical and effective delivery of legal services and the maintenance of the highest quality of services and professional standards.

Duties Include:
- Develop and implement strategies to fulfill the goals of MLSC as set by the MLSC Articles of Incorporation and Board of Directors.
- Adopt rules and policies in furtherance of action taken by the Board of Directors.
- Assure implementation of and adherence to MLSC policy, in conjunction with the Deputy Director and as set forth in the Client Service Manual, Office Policies Binder, Personnel Manual, all job descriptions, and other MLSC policies.
- Assure compliance with Legal Services Corporation Regulations and instructions and funding conditions, in conjunction with the Deputy Director.
- Make staff hiring and termination decisions in accordance with personnel policies.
- Propose a budget annually to the Board of Directors, which includes staff size and configuration, staff benefits, office space and equipment, and all other expenditures.
- Supervise the preparation of the annual Refunding Application to the Legal Services Corporation and respond to inquiries regarding the Application.
- Work with Micronesian governments in conjunction with other staff members regarding annual appropriations to MLSC, and coordinate applications for other sources of funds.
- Maintain productive relations with the Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation, and governmental and non-governmental institutions whose actions have an effect on MLSC.

Compensation and Benefits:
Compensation is dependent upon experience. Benefits include health insurance, annual leave, sick leave, and employer contribution to a 401(k) program. Please submit a resume and letter of interest by November 20, 2011, to:

By mail: Micronesian Legal Service Corporation
P.O. Box 500269, Saipan, MP 96950
By email: co@mlscnet.org

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.

ONE (1) SALES ENGINEER – Salary $1,200.00 - $2,000.00 Monthly
- SALES HVACR MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES WITH REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE AND JUDGEMENT ON PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION
- PREPARE ESTIMATES ON EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES, OR SERVICES AS NEEDED
- KNOWLEDGE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS.
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PREPARE SHOP DRAWING
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC SOFTWARE

FOUR (5) TECHNICIANS – Air Conditioning and Refrigeration – Salary $5.05 - $10.00/Hour.
- INSTALL, SERVICE AND REPAIR OF VENTILLATION, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS
- PERFORM REPAIR AND TROUBLE ANALYSIS OF VAV AND WT CONTROL SYSTEMS AND ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEMS
- REPAIR AND SERVICE CHILLED WATER AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM. EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS
- SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH MANITOWOC ICE MACHINES, TAYLOR ICE CREAM MACHINES, WALKIN REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT A PLUS.
- EPA SECTION 608 AND R-410A CERTIFIED REQUIRED

ONE (2) SHEET METAL WORKER – Salary $5.05 - $7.00/Hour
- FABRICATE, ASSSEMBLE, INSTALL AND REPAIR SHEET METAL PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS DUCTS, CONTROL BOXES, DRAIN PIPES AND AHU CASINGS
- MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH METAL, FIBERGLASS AND KOOLDUCT DUCTING FABRICATION
- SET-UP AND OPERATE FABRICATING MACHINES, RELATED FABRICATION TOOLS AND WELDING EQUIPMENT
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

ONE (1) ACCOUNTANT – Salary $1,200 – $2000.00 Monthly
- PREPARE TAX RETURNS, TAX PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND VERIFY ITS ACCURACY AND CONFORMANCE WITH STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE
- MONITOR DAILY TRANSACTIONS, PREPARE JOURNAL ENTRIES AND RECORD TO WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM
- HANDLE CUSTOMER BILLINGS, COLLECTIONS, AND CASH RECEIPTS, PAYMENT AND PAYROLL
- KKNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM AND MICROSOFT OFFICE

ALL OF THE ABOVE MUST POSSESS GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILL AND A MINIMUM OF 10-YR WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

ONE (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER – Salary $ 5.05/Hour
- PERFORM DUTIES TO MAINTAIN AND CLEAN OFFICE AND PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER
- PERFORM BASIC HOUSEHOLD CHORES
- MUST BE HONEST, RESPONSIBLE, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES AND POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED.

APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED AT JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC's OFFICE AT UNIT 4, G/FLOOR, LIM'S BLDG., COR. BEACH AND MSGR. GUERRERO ROAD, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN OR EMAIL TO: **jwssaipan@pticom.com** or **tonys.jwssaipan@pticom.com**

YK CORPORATION DBA SUNSHINE LAUNDRY

Industrial Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers (9) - $4.55-$5.05/hour

Operate or tend washing or dry-cleaning machines to wash or dry-clean industrial or household articles, such as cloth garments, suede, leather, furs, blankets, draperies, linens, rugs, and carpets. Includes spotters and dyers of these articles.

Tasks:
- Receives & mark articles for laundry or dry cleaning with identifying code numbers or names, using hand or machine markers.
- Start washers, dry cleaners, driers, or extractors, and turn valves or leers to regulate machine processes and the volume of soap, detergent, water, bleach, starch and other additives.
- Sort and count articles removed from dryers, and fold, wrap, or hang them.
- Examine and sort into lots articles to be cleaned, according to color, fabric, dirt content, and cleaning technique required.
- Load articles into washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to perform loading.
- Mix and add detergents, dyes, bleaches, starches, and other solutions and chemicals to clean, color, dry, or stiffen articles.
- Clean machine filters, and lubricate equipment.
- Remove items from washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to do so.
- Operate extractors and driers, or direct their operation.
- Inspect soiled articles to determine sources of stains, to locate color imperfections, and to identify items requiring special treatment.

Knowledge:
Customer and Personal Service – Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Skills:
Must have at least 2 years work experience in the Laundry Dry Cleaning services that caters to hotels. Must be able to work evening, weekend and holiday.
Operation and Control – controlling operations of equipment or systems. (Washing Machine, Steam Dryer, Folding Machine, etc.

Abilities:
Arm-Hand Steadiness – the ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.
Near Vision – the ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer)
Trunk Strength – the ability to use your abdominal and lower back muscles to support part of the body repeatedly or continuously over time without 'giving out' or fatiguing.

Work Activities:
Getting Information • Performing General Physical Activities • Controlling Machines and Processes • Training and Teaching Others • Handling and Moving Objects • Communicating with Supervisors, Peers or Subordinates • Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Material • Assisting and Caring for Others • Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships • Monitor Processes, Materials, or Surroundings.

Please send resume to Y K Corporation PO Box 502913 CK Saipan, MP 96950

Closing Date: October 31, 2011

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - **General Maintenance/Farmer**. Salary. $5.05/hour
1 - **Cook**. Salary $5.05/hour

If interested please call ET Enterprises at 433-9121.

Job Vacancy Announcement

10 - Home Attendant. Salary $5.05/hour
10 - General Maintenance. Salary $5.05/hour
10 - Commercial Cleaner. Salary $5.05/hour

Noah Manpower Services
P.O. Box 225, Tinian MP 96952
If interested please call 433-0260

Job Vacancy Announcement

Christian Education Director
Must know how to speak and teach Korean
Minimum of 3 years experience

Email resume to saipan@hanmail.net
Tel: 235-7777 or 288-7777
P.O. BOX 503071 SAIPAN, MP 96950

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1 - Electrician. Minimum of 5 years experience. Must speak English and Korean. Have certificate of training as Electrician, must provide own car, flexible hrs incl. evenings, weekend & holidays. $5.05/hr. Send resume to cnmiapt@gmail.com

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1 - Property Manager. Minimum of 5 years experience. Must speak English and Korean. Have knowledge of Gen. Construction and small appliances, must have own transportation, flexible hrs for night, weekend & holidays. $1,200.00 per month. Send resume to cnmiapt@gmail.com

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JOBEL CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7773 SVRB Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

1-Teacher and 1- Teacher (Assiant)
Minimum of 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

Vacancy Announcement - US Workers

3 - Masseuse
Minimum of 2 years experience.
$5.05/hour

R & H USA INVESTMENT CORP. LTD.
PMB 264A, P.O. Box 10002, Saipan, MP 96950
Email: tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

Ran Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1)**General Manager**-Salary $1,750.00 p/m.,
(1)**Teacher**-Salary $5.05/h, (1)**Art Teacher**-Salary $5.05/h,
(1)**Car Washer**-Salary $5.05/h, (2)**Fiberglass Man**-Salary $5.05/h

Must have at least 2-5 yrs work related experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen must submit resume to
P.O. Box 505719 Saipan MP 96950

LC CORPORATION, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Manager – Tour Operation.
Salary $1,800.00 p/m.
Minimum 5 years work related experience.
Korean language speaking preferred.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

LDK, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Arcade Attendant
Salary $5.05 p/h.
Minimum 2 years work related experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

LDK, LLC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Carpenters. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Electrician. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Commercial Cleaner. Salary $5.05 p/h
2 – 5 years working experience required.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

Li's Limited Corporation
Is looking for
• **(1) Computer Technician**
Salary $5.05/hr. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office software, good communication skills, willing to work flexible hours, able to repair and diagnose problems of desk computers and laptops.
3 yrs experience required.
Chinese speaking preferred.

Interested applicants, please call Mr. Li at 888-2205 or send resume to liangsmile77@gmail.com

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Milne's Realty Management is looking for:

Cleaner: $5.05/hour
At least high school graduate & 5 yrs. experience required, can work without supervision, honest and trustworthy.

Farmer: $ 5.05/hour
Minimum 5 yrs experience required. Must be able to perform the duty of farmer in accordance with the instructions of the employer.

E-mail resume to maryann_milne@yahoo.com.
No phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Mu Sung Corporation is looking for:

3 - Carpenters	2 - Steelman
3 - Mason1	1 - Electrician
1 - Plumber	1 - Draftsman

Must have at least 2 years work experience
Interested US Workers must fax resume to 235-7742

Liang's Limited Corporation
dba Tang Ji Restaurant
Is looking for
• **(1) Receptionist. Salary $5.05/hr.**
• **(2) Chefs Salary $5.05/hr**
Must be healthy and diligent; able to cook Chinese traditional food; able to work flexible hours.

Interested applicants, please call Mr. Li at 888-2205 or send resume to liangsmile77@gmail.com

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-CAREGIVER
1-MAINTENANCE REPAIRER

DIONICIO M. LIZAMA
P.O. Box 500641, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel#. 234-2993

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-Commercial Cleaner

If interested send resume and copy of police clearance to

LP CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7763 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel#. 256-1254

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1 - Office Manager. Min. of 5 years experience & knowledge in Internet, MS Words/Excel. Needs to speak & write in English, Korean & Chinese. Must provide own car. 4 yrs. College Degree. Must be able to work even on weekends. Green card or US. Citizen preferred. $ 5.05/hr.

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

Karidat Social Services
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Karidat has two job openings for: one (1) Victims of Crime Advocacy Coordinator and one (1) Shelter Worker. Application forms are available at Karidat's main office located on Chalan Kanoa Drive. Application deadline for the two positions will be Thursday, November 03, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
No telephone inquiries please.

SAIPAN AUTO CLINIC COMPANY
Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - **Manager**
1 - **Radiator Repairer**

Minimum wage. Must have at least 2 years work experience in Auto Repair Business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to 235-7742

Job Vacancy Announcement
JMC Iron Works is looking for

1 - Welder
1 - Office Assistant

Must have at least 2 years work experience in Iron Works business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to JMC Iron Works, Chalan Piao

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Saipan City Taxi Association, Inc.

Job Vacancy Announcement
20 – Taxi Drivers, Salary Rate: $5.05/hr and $1.50 per trip. Must have at least 6 months of taxi driving experience in the CNMI. Must be a holder of a valid CNMI Driver's License, CNMI Taxi Driver's License, and a CNMI Taxi Bureau Identification Card. Current Police Clearance, Traffic Clearance and Traffic History. Willing to work flexible hours.

Interested applicants may send resume to
PO Box 7765 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950.
Please send your resume no later than November 1, 2011.

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1 - Cook. Min. of 5 years experience. Must be able to cook Chinese & Korean food. Must speak English, Korean and some Chinese preferred. Needs own car and housing. Must be able to work even on weekends. Experience in buying food and supplies. $5.05/hr.

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

Highlight International Travel (H.I.T.)
P.O. Box 502799 Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel.: (670) 234-0315

Job Vacancy Announcement

1-Tour Guide: $5.05/hr, tips and commission. At least two years of tour guiding experience in Saipan is required. Korean speaking fluency is required.

1-Operations Manager (Tour): $1,000-$2,000/mo. At least five years of experience in tour agency management required. Korean speaking and writing fluency required.

Email resume to hit@hanmisaipan.com.

Tomas SP. Bundoc
TM Refrigeration & Air conditioning Services
PO Box 502712 Saipan, MP 96950

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1-ACCOUNTANT
- 1-HELPER TECHNICIAN
- 1-A/C/REFRIGERATION MECHANIC
- 1-GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRER

5-10 years experience. Salary: $5.05-7.00 p/h
All interested applicants may call 287-1112 or send resume to masangcayrowena@yahoo.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Maintenance
1 - Housekeeper
1 - Hotel Supervisor

Must have at least 3 years work experience in Hotel Business. Willing to work flexible hours.

Interested Qualified US Workers must send resume to usschotelcolt@yahoo.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

WORLD INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

3 - GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Qualifications:
• At least 2 – 3 years experience in a Commercial Building Maintenance. Preferably in Carpentry and Masonry.
• Full time with flexible working hours
• Salary $5.05/hr

Please mail your resume to PMB 654 Box 10000 Saipan, MP 96950
Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545
between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

YUTA CORPORATON

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Office Manager. Salary $1,800.00 p/m
(1) Office Supervisor. Salary $900.00 p/m
(1) Accountant. Salary $5.05 p/h
4 – 5 years working experience required.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

SVC INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Pawnshop / Apartment
Job Vacancy Announcement

Manager - $ 5.50/hour
Provide daily and monthly reports. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. Graduate of a 4 yr. degree course. 2 years minimum experience.

Asst. Manager - $ 5.25/hr
Provide sales report. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. 2 years minimum experience.

General Maintenance & repair - $ 5.05/hr
Ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping and electrical wiring.

Email resume to nbudano@yahoo.com

TOP DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Accountant – At least 7-10 years work experience in general accounting. Must have Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office, Peachtree and QuickBooks accounting software.

Salary: $9.62-$11.50 per hour.

Interested Qualified US Workers may submit resume to tdi@pticom.com

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Vacancy Announcement

2-Waitress, 2-Bartender, 1-Floor Manager.

Qualifications: With 5 years experience, good communication in English and Japanese and can work with flexible time.

Interested U.S. applicants, please drop resume at Ocean's Club Disco and Bar in Garapan between 7pm to 9pm or email your resume at rei_yamagishi@hotmail.com.

NO phone calls, please. WTT (USA), LLC-PO Box 5353 CHRB

MAN'S SERVICES, LLC
Job Vacancy Announcement

4 - Garbage Collector
1 - Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Minimum wage. 2-3 years experience required.

Please submit resume with attached copies of driver's license, police and health clearance to Man's Services, LLC P.O. Box 503393 Saipan, MP 96950

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www.saipantribune.com

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(1) Maintenance Repairer
Wage range $5.05 per hour

Perform routine preventive maintenance and repair tasks to ensure machines, mechanical equipments, electrical or electronics is in good running conditions and building physical structure condition does not deteriorate. Applicant must be highly skilled in masonry, carpentry and plumbing. High school level or an equivalent of 18 years of continued experience in maintenance and construction related trades. Applicant must be able to keep records of maintenance and repairs works.

All interested applicants must be of good moral character, good health condition and must provide police clearance.

Interested applicants may submit your application to EBETUER SAIPAN CORP. or call Carmen at 234-3124 or 235-1806

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1 - General Maintenance Worker

High School graduate or equivalent with at least 10 years work experience. Has demonstrated the ability to perform general routine repairs and maintenance in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, refrigeration and air conditioning, including painting, masonry, grounds keeping and appliance repairs. Must be a driver. Must be knowledgeable in the use and maintenance of hand and power tools used in maintenance and repair of buildings. Must be able to work flexible hours including outdoors with minimal supervision. Salary: $5.05 per hour (No house provided). Please mail resume or biodata to BMSablan Auto Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Repair Shop to PO BOX 501274 Saipan, MP 96950.

MARIANAS STAR CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement
Opening: Oct 25 – Oct. 29, 2011

(1) Project Engineer –
Salary: $1,700.00/month
Holder of a degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Minimum of 5 years experience in the construction business required. Licensed Civil Engineer preferred. Knowledgeable in the preparation and execution of plans and specifications, and preparation of project estimates and schedules.

(1) Accountant – Salary: $5.50/hour
B.S. in Business Administration-Accounting graduate. Minimum of 5 years continuous work experience. Knowledgeable in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and advice and implements system of general accounting including preparation of Financial Statements. Accounts Payable, Receivables, Payroll, Bank Reconciliation, CNMI and Federal tax and other related duties. Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe, Powerpoint, etc.) applications a must Familiarity and knowledge of Peachtree Accounting. Certified Public Accountant preferred.

(3) Carpenters – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience. Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledge and understanding of blueprints, sketches and plans relative to the work at hand a must.

(1) Electrician – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience. Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledgeable in the installation, maintenance and repair of electrical or electronic wirings & electrical system installation.

Email to marianas_star@yahoo.com
Fax: 288-7824 • Tel: 234-5577

Job Vacancy Announcement

2 – AUTO PAINTER ; 2 – AUTO BODY REPAIRER – Minimum of 5 years work experience; at least high school graduate

1 – ACCOUNTANT – With Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration major in Accounting; minimum of 7 years work experience in general accounting procedures; must be able to prepare, analyze and interpret financial statements, tax returns, payroll, customers' billings, and other accounting reports/documents, and perform other related duties.

1 – OPERATIONS MANAGER – College level; minimum of 7 years work experience in automotive industry operations and management; must have knowledge in cost estimation, paint analysis, mechanical and air conditioning diagnosis and repairs; with excellent written and oral communication skills

1 – GENERAL MANAGER – With Bachelor's Degree; minimum of 7 years work experience in automotive industry operations and management; must be able to plan, prepare and implement marketing, financial, personnel and technical programs for company's yearly operations; with excellent written and oral communication skills;

Interested applicants,
please call Tel. No. 288-0928.
PHILIPPINE EAGLE CORPORATION
Dba Philippine Eagle Auto Repair Shop
P.O. Box 501900 CK, Saipan, MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1- ADMIN ASSISTANT - 2 or more yrs experienced, making delivery invoice, input barcode in the computer knowledge in korean program, do invoices, delivery, retail. Checking all item in warehouse and at the retail store.

1- SALES REPRESENTATIVE - 2 or more yrs experienced, know how to communicate to different person, memorize all kind of item, do collection. We require sales quota monthly.

1- DELIVERY MAN - 2 or more yrs experienced, do delivery, know all store location here in Saipan, do preparation for upcoming delivery(next day). Knowledge in various item for sale. Do other job such as collection, going to custom office.

SOO POONG SAIPAN CORPORATION
PMB 400 Box 10005, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel# 235-9600

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Diesel Mechanic – Technical School graduate w/ 5 yrs. experience as diesel mechanic & millwright in power plant

(2) Automotive/Diesel Mechanic – with minimum of 5 yrs. experience

(1) Accountant – Minimum of 5 yrs. experience in general accounting, proficient in various computer softwares: Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook. Must be able to work independently with minimum supervision and has excellent Organizational skills in dealing with financial & numeric data. Must have excellent communication skills.

Contact: PMIC at Tel# 322-6181,
Fax # 322-6180

SEASIDE MART, INC.

Bookkeeper
- Must have Bachelor degree in Accountancy with 5 yrs experience
- Must have knowledge in Peachtree Accounting Software
- Must adopt to work related demands and flexible hours

Purchasing Manager
- Represent companies in negotiating contracts and formulating policies with suppliers.
- Direct and coordinate activities engaged in buying, selling, and distributing materials and supplies especially Philippine products (i.e. fresh sea foods/dried fish)
- Locate vendors of materials and supplies, and determine product availability and terms of sales
- Prepare and process requisitions and purchase orders for supplies and materials
- Maintain records of goods ordered and received.

For Interested applicants, please email resume at ndcunanan18@yahoo.com
No phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing vacancy of 2 Teacher-Instructor positions.

5.05/hr • Medical Insurance • US Social Security

Job responsibilities:
- teaching for scuba diving theory and practical aspects;
- instructing students and experienced divers;
- to perform duties of dive leader (dive guide);
- maintain and repair scuba diving gear;

The Job requirements:
- rating of Certified NAUI Diving Instructor or higher;
- 5 years experience in Scuba Diving Instructing;
- minimum 2000 registered dives;
- knowledge of scuba diving gear, its maintenance and repair;
- knowledge with air compressor machinery and experience in running such machinery;
- knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming;
- knowledge of scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop;
- Knowledge of Russian language (speaking, writing and reading) and familiarity with Technical (diving) Russian terminology is a plus;

Submit resume via fax 234 6286. For inquiries, please call: 493 9616; contact person Oleg Tchernychenko.

Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com
Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

Job Vacancy Announcement

JAPAN ENTERPRISES CORP. DBA CLUB MICRONESIA

15 DANCERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years in Dancing experience especially Cultural and Variety Dance Skills.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

10 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to
P.O. Box 502589 Saipan, MP 96950 or
Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545
between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant-$5.75/hr
Knowledge in Peach Tree Accounting. 5 yrs of experience required

Building Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
10 yrs experience

Rod/Reel Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Gun/Rifle Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Administrative Assistant-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with experience in bookkeeping

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours and must have a valid CNMI driver's license

Please email resume to fishing@saipan.com no later than October 27, 2011

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Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan - Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER
Qualifications: Strong background and experience in Food & Beverage preferably in the hospitality industry. Possess the ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. 10 years work experience required preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct in the preparation and cooking of food and is familiar with the preparation of food costing reports and departmental budget. 10 years work experience is required preferably in the hotel industry. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion including early morning , evenings and/or weekends.

(2) SOUS CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct and participate in the preparation and cooking of food. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. 5 years work experience as a Sous Chef is required and preferably in the hospitality industry.

(3) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience as a Demi-Chef, preferably in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Qualification in kitchen production is an advantage.

(27) COOKS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(22) WAITER/WAITRESS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) F&B ASSISTANT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 8 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Strong organizational skills and able to complete assignments accurately, either independently or as part of a team. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. Good writing skills sufficient to compose and edit a variety of documents using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

(3) PASTRY CHEF
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 5 years work experience in the production of high quality pastry and breads preferable in a hotel and knowledge of Japanese style breads preferred. Basic culinary skills/good hygiene knowledge is essential.

(3) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

(1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience as outlet manager preferably in a hotel. Strong interpersonal and customer-service skills are essential. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(8) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 6 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Minimum 6 years work experience required preferably in a hotel or 8 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant.

(3) A/C REFRIGERATION MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. 3 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel or 5 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) LANDSCAPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to directly supervise and coordinate activities and work schedule of employees engaged in landscaping and grounds keeping activities. Must have 5 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) LANDSCAPING WORKER
Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Horticulture. Must be able to work outdoors exposed to all weather conditions. 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) CARPENTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Performs physical activities such as lifting or moving materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BRICKMASON
Qualifications: Performs brick laying, stone setting, tile setting and cement finishing work. Performs carpentry work incidental to masonry work. Must have 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) PAINTER SUPERVIOR
Qualification: Minimum 4 years work experience as painter supervisor preferably in a hotel or 6 years work experience in a similar large building complex with central plant. Able to work accurately, with interruptions, to meet deadlines.

(1) PAINTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Ability to move materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. High school graduate or equivalent.

(2) STOCK CLERK
Qualifications: Receives, store and issue goods. Takes monthly physical count of stock. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Able to work independently, accurately and handle pressure in meeting strict dead-lines in a fast-paced environment. Requires frequent walking and standing on the job. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays. Minimum 2 years work experience as a stock clerk, preferably in a hotel or similar fast-paced environment. High school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BUS /TRUCK & DIESEL ENGINE MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, buses, and all types of diesel engines. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(3) ELECTRICIANS
Qualifications: Able to service, repair, calibrate, regulate, fine-tune or test machines, devices and equipment that operate primarily on electrical or electronic principles. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) LAUNDRY ATTENDANT
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(23) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential.

(2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 6 years of plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

(1) TAILOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

(4) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service. Minimum 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be able to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing to employees and guests. Requires frequent walking, and lifting. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) ROOMS RESERVATION SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service and 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) MANAGER, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Minimum 5 years work experience as Manager in sales preferably in a hotel. Responsible for developing, establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company.

(1) DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING
Qualifications: 10 years work experience as director of sales preferably in the hotel industry. Will be responsible for increasing market share in existing markets and maximize new market development opportunities. Initiates market research studies and analyze their findings. Prepares sales forecasts and ensures the sale and profitability of products or services and monitors market trends. Duties involve a lot of out of hours activity required. Ability to work in the field on occasion and travel off-island to attend sales meetings as necessary. Ability to speak English and Japanese both oral and written is preferred.

(2) SALES ASSOCIATE
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Able to perform duties with minimal supervision. Must be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holidays and weekends. Requires standing and frequent walking while on duty. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred. Ability to speak two basic foreign language is an asset.

(1) MANAGER, ENGINEERING DEPT.
Qualifications: Minimum 6 years work experience as Manager of engineering department, preferably in a hotel. Responsible to assist the Chief Engineer in ensuring the efficient and economic operation of the engineering department in support of all other operating departments, supplying services as required to the entire operation, and maintaining equipment, building and grounds in optimum condition. Good problem solving, administrative and interpersonal skills are required. Must be able to work "on-call" seven (7) days a week, including holidays.

(1) IT MANAGER
Qualifications: College graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer course. Must have strong background on all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements. Strong communication and interpersonal skills necessary. Management skills and familiarity with hotel business solutions software are essential. Systems analysis and programming is a must. Prior work experience in the hotel industry is preferred. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends including holidays.

(2) ACCOUNTING CLERK
Qualifications: Performs a variety of general clerical/basic accounting duties. Also acts as cash custodian for all cash receipts and ensures immediate deposit of cash the following banking day. Minimum 2 years work experience in a hotel, preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Is able to multi-task and work independently. Strong problem solving skills is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

(1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Must be a college graduate with bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or 3 years work experience within the field. Previous work experience in a hotel preferred. Must have progressive experience in accounts payable operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts receivable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Ensures that accounts are kept on current status. Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferably or 3 years work experience within the field. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations, preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

(1) ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Able to plan, direct, and/or coordinate activities for the facility ensuring enjoyable experience for vacationing families and business travelers. Responsible for ensuring the facility is operating efficiently and profitably. Must be able to solve problems quickly. Initiative, self-discipline and effective communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including holidays.

(1) ASST. ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Assists the Rooms Division Manager in carrying out the company's objectives. Good customer service, organizational and planning skills are essential. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including weekends and holidays.

(2) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

(8) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualification: Minimum 2 years work experience as guest relations agent preferably in the hotel industry or a fast-paced environment. Strong customer service and interpersonal skills are essential. Must be able to multi-task. Frequent standing and walking on the job is required. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is a plus.

(4) SPA MASSAGE THERAPIST
Qualifications: Performs professional massage therapy, body treatments and facials and remain current with the industry. Flexibility to work effectively in a changing environment. Ability to adapt to changes in work assignments. Must have the willingness to work evenings, weekends, including holidays. Minimum of 2 years work experience as a masseuse.

(1) SPA SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience in a spa environment. Will be responsible to assist with the efficient running of The Spa outlet in line with the company's goals and objectives in meeting above standard performance. Prior retail experience is an asset. Must have the ability to lift and move up to 25 pounds. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred.

(1) HOTEL CONCIERGE
Qualifications: Minimum of 4 years working experience as a hotel concierge. Job requires being reliable, responsible and dependable and fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work under pressure. Ability to speak a foreign language is preferred. Ability to work a variable schedule including weekends and holidays. High school graduate or equivalent. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Qualifications: Supervises the following sections in Finance: General Accounting, Purchasing, Cost Accounting and Income Audit. Primarily responsible for maintaining an efficient and effective accounting system that would respond readily to the needs of internal and external users of financial information. Minimum of 5 years progressive management experience in accounting operations preferably in a hotel. Strong analytical skills and problem solving. Proficient in Accounting Software, SAP R3 FICO system. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under pressure of completing deadlines and willing to work flexible hours.

(1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office application and other software. Must be willing to work on flexible schedule on occasion on weekends.

(1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or a face-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT - APHI
Qualifications: BS in accounting and minimum 5 years progressive experience in finance and accounting management, preferably in the hotel/hospitality industry. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO software and other hotel's front office and POS systems. Is responsible for planning, reviewing and administering accounting systems and procedures. Analyzes the financial information needs of APHI (Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba: Fiesta Saipan, Saipan Grand and Century Hotel), provides advice on financial planning and risk management, and provides management with reports to assist in decision-making. Must have in-depth understanding In-depth understanding of the hotel industry and clear understanding of the integration of various hotel's bookkeeping, accounting and reporting function is highly preferred. Must have clear understanding of internal audits and annual audits. Strong written and verbal communication, interpersonal and customer service skills.

(1) SUPERVISOR, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Assists the Regional Director of Sales & Marketing in coordinating all local Korean and Japanese sales efforts. Develop and maintain relationships with local Korean tour companies. Ability to effectively communicate and interface with peers as well as executive level management. Requires strong communications skill both oral and written in Korean, Japanese and English. Ability to work well under pressure and is willing to work a variable work schedule on occasion including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 8 years work experience in housekeeping is required, preferably in a hotel. Knowledge in the use of carpet cleaning equipment, floor polishing machines, and light commercial washers. Ability to lift or move equipment/materials weighing up to 30 pounds. Must be able to work a variable schedule including weekends, and holidays. Strong customer service and communication skills.

(2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Responsible for supervising employees in cooking to ensure cleanliness, quality, efficient and economical food service. Responsible for silverware cleaning, dishwashing, cookware replacement and maintenance. Minimum of 3 years working experience as steward supervisor, preferably in a hotel. Requires frequent walking and standing on the job. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
Qualifications: Responsible for efficiently coordinating work with other departments of the organization. Assists the supervising manager with preparation of monthly reports such as utilities consumption and departmental maintenance trouble calls. Prepares the schedule for departmental job orders. Minimum of 3 years work experience as maintenance coordinator preferably in a hotel. Strong ability to read and follow verbal instructions. Proficient in Microsoft office applications and other software. Willing to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) NIGHT AUDITOR
Qualifications: Responsible for all audit-related functions in Fidelio and Pixel Point environment and other manually-transacted activities of both rooms, food & beverage, and other revenue centers, making sure that all forms of revenues are captured and reported in the system. College graduate, bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferably or 2 years work experience within the field. Ideally, previous hotel-related experience, progressive experience in night audit operations. Strong personal computer skills needed. Job requires working typically from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and may entail reporting on duty on weekends and holidays.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than October 31, 2011. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.
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Asia Pacific Hotels Inc., dba Saipan Grand Hotel
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: (9) COOKS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. . Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (1) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: Minimum of 4 years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and Coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel.

Position: (9) WAITER/WAITRESS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (2) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 6 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (2) A/C REFRIGERATION MECHANIC / TECHNICIAN
Qualifications: Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. 3 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel or 5 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) LANDSCAPING WORKER / GARDENER
Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Horticulture. Must be able to work outdoors exposed to all weather conditions. 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (1) PAINTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Ability to move materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) ELECTRICIANS
Qualifications: Able to service, repair, calibrate, regulate, fine-tune or test machines, devices and equipment that operate primarily on electrical or electronic principles. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Minimum 5 years work experience required.
High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (5) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

Position: (3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER / REPAIRER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential.

Position: (1) TAILOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service. Minimum 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be able to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing to employees and guests. Requires frequent walking, and lifting. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system.

Position: (1) ROOMS RESERVATION SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service and 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio System.

Position: (2) SALES ASSOCIATE
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Able to perform duties with minimal supervision. Must be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holidays and weekends. Requires standing and frequent walking while on duty. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred. Ability to speak two basic foreign language is an asset.

Position: (6) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

Position: (1) IT TECHNICAL SUPPORT MANAGER
Qualifications: College graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer course and at least 3 years work experience. Must have strong background on all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements. Strong communication and interpersonal skills necessary. Management skills and familiarity with hotel business solutions software are essential. Systems analysis and programming is a must. Prior work experience in the hotel industry is preferred. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends including holidays.

Position: (1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure. Also responsible in handling of company general funds, supervising of employees in the sales associate and must be knowledgeable with purchasing procedures by having alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments and/or changes in priorities. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to, F&B, Dry Goods and HK cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Qualifications: Associate's Degree with a minimum of 5 years experience in providing administrative support services to all Department such as Accounting Office, Engineering Department, Executive Office, Kitchen Department and Human Resources Office. Must be good at written and oral communication. Must be computer literate with experience in HR2 and time logging system programs including Excel, Power Point, Words, etc. and HR functions. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Position: (1) HOTEL RESORT OPERATION MANAGER
Qualifications: College degree graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience in hotel management. Plan, direct or coordinate activities of an organization or department that provides lodging and other accommodations. Also, responsible for developing, establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company and also has the ability to speak, read and write in a foreign language preferably in Japanese. Must have knowledge in Front Office Operation, Sales and Marketing strategies, Housekeeping operation and other hotel operations. Also, takes full responsibility of the entire hotel operation in the absence of the General Manager.

Position: (1) LIFEGUARD (PART TIME)
Qualifications: High school graduate with at least a year experience as a lifeguard. Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Rescues swimmers in dangers of drowning and administers first aid. Maintains order in swimming areas. Inspects facilities for cleanliness. May clean and refill swimming pool. May determine chlorine content and pH value of water using water testing kit. May conduct or officiate swimming meets. May give swimming instructions. Other related job as required.

Position: (1) PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Qualifications: College graduate with at least 2 years experience. Must coordinate activities of hotel functions through the reservation packages. Confers with front office staff to verify room rates and promotional packages by analyzing competitive market prices. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system.

Position: (1) POOL ATTENDANT
Qualifications: High school graduate with at least a year experience as a pool attendant. Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Maintains order in swimming areas. Inspects facilities for cleanliness. May clean and refill swimming pool. May determine chlorine content and pH value of water using water testing kit and must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Other related job as required.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 2 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

Position: (2) ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Minimum 6 years work experience required preferably in a hotel or 8 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be able to work under pressure and meet deadlines including trouble shooting.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's Backside.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than November 01, 2011.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

REFRIGERATION MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High School Graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 8 yrs experience working with a cold storage facility. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigerating systems. Must be able to install and repair office and vehicle air conditioning. Must be EPA certified technician type universal.

FLEET MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 7 yrs experience in maintenance, problem diagnosis, repair, and overhaul of light trucks as well as automobiles, vans and forklifts. Must have mechanical knowledge of gas and diesel engine including overhauling. Must be knowledgeable about safety standards. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's medical fitness certificate.

AUTO BODY REPAIRER (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years experience in auto and truck body repair. Must be knowledgeable in using power tools and welding machines.

PROGRAMMER ANALYST (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience in Computer programming, networking, CCTV system. Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures. Must be proficient in Windows, Citrix, Foxpro, and WIS software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE (5)
Qualifications: High school graduate or an Associate degree holder. Minimum 5 yrs experience in wholesale sales of frozen, chilled and dry food items. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are an advantage. Proficiency in Chinese and Korean language a plus. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license.

SALES SUPERVISOR (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business, Sales or Marketing. Minimum 8 yrs experience in wholesale & distribution of frozen, chill & dry food items. Extensive product knowledge of frozen food items and fresh produce items required. Must have extensive contact in various industries. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (6)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in general accounting in a wholesale company. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in receivables, payables, shipments documentation, inventory control, costing, billing, and invoicing Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, INVENTORY (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in inventory management and control. Knowledge of and experience in handling frozen food items. Must know USDA inspection rules. Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTANT (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Minimum 8 years work-related experience in general accounting in the wholesale industry. Must be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reports. Must be able to prepare payroll and monthly, quarterly and annual tax returns. Must know CNMI & Federal tax rules. Must be proficient in MS Word and Excel, WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

WAREHOUSE WORKER (8)
Qualifications: High school graduate a plus. Minimum 3 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must posses a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must be able to do strenuous work such as unloading container vans, stacking, lifting, carrying, and moving heavy items. Must be able to lift and move 50 lbs frequently and up to 80 lbs occasionally.

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate. Minimum 7 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have extensive product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must possess a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

DELIVERY DRIVER (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate. Minimum 3 years experience as a wholesale delivery driver delivering frozen, chilled and dry-goods products. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have a valid CNMI Drivers' fitness medical certificate. Must have a valid Food Handler's certificate. Proficient in driving right-hand drive trucks.

MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 5 years experience in maintenance and repair of buildings (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, mechanical, etc.), equipments and machineries. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

HOUSEKEEPER, COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience. Must be able to clean office and residence efficiently. Must be to monitor daily medications, prepare meals and do laundry for senior citizen. Dependable attendance, hardworking and follows directions well. Honest and trustworthy. Must be able to work early mornings, late nights and weekends. Current police and court clearance required.

All positions close on October 31, 2011

Interested applicants must fill up application forms at:
Yaong Corp.
Rem Center, Gualo Rai, Saipan

A copy of valid police and court clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Background checks will be required prior to employment. Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification & experience.

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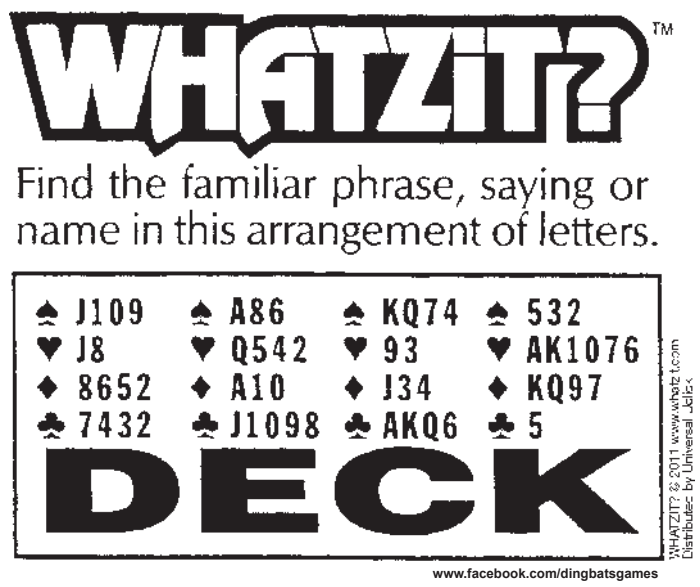
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Napoli, Rangers move a win from World Series crown

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—A long drive by Mike Napoli, a lucky bounce and a bullpen mix-up. A most weird recipe put the Texas Rangers on the brink of their first World Series championship.

Napoli delivered the biggest hit of his charmed season, lining a tiebreaking two-run double in the eighth inning that sent the Rangers past the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 on Monday night for a 3-2 edge.

"We're a focused group," Texas star Michael Young said. "We're hungry. We're looking forward to Game 6. We've already been to their park so we know what to expect."

Napoli's go-ahead stroke came off Marc Rzepczynski, right after a potential double-play ball slipped away from the St. Louis reliever. More bruising, at least to the Cardinals: Rzepczynski wasn't even supposed to face Napoli.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said he called down to the bullpen earlier in the inning and wanted Rzepczynski and closer Jason Motte to get ready. Instead, bullpen coach Derek Lilliquist heard only Rzepczynski at first. La Russa called again to ask for Motte and this time Lilliquist heard "Lynn," as in reliever Lance Lynn.

"I was more frustrated the double-play ball went off the glove and the fact we had numerous chances to add runs. That's probably more frustrating," La Russa said.

"The other part just happens. I mean, it's loud down there, and sometimes you call down there and you have to wait until the crowd and a guy gets up late. I mean, this is not unusual," he said.

Whatever, it cost the Cardinals dearly.

Texas will try to wrap it up in Game 6 on Wednesday night in St. Louis, with Colby Lewis facing Jaime Garcia. The weather forecast for Busch Stadium is daunting, calling for rain and temperatures around 50.

After Napoli put Texas ahead, the slugging catcher capped off his night of double duty by throwing out a would-be base stealer in the ninth as Albert Pujols struck out.

"Pujols is going to put it in play, he's a good contact hitter," Napoli said, "and they were just starting the runner, 3-2. As soon as I got it, I just got rid of it and put it on the bag."

And just like that, Texas was one win away.

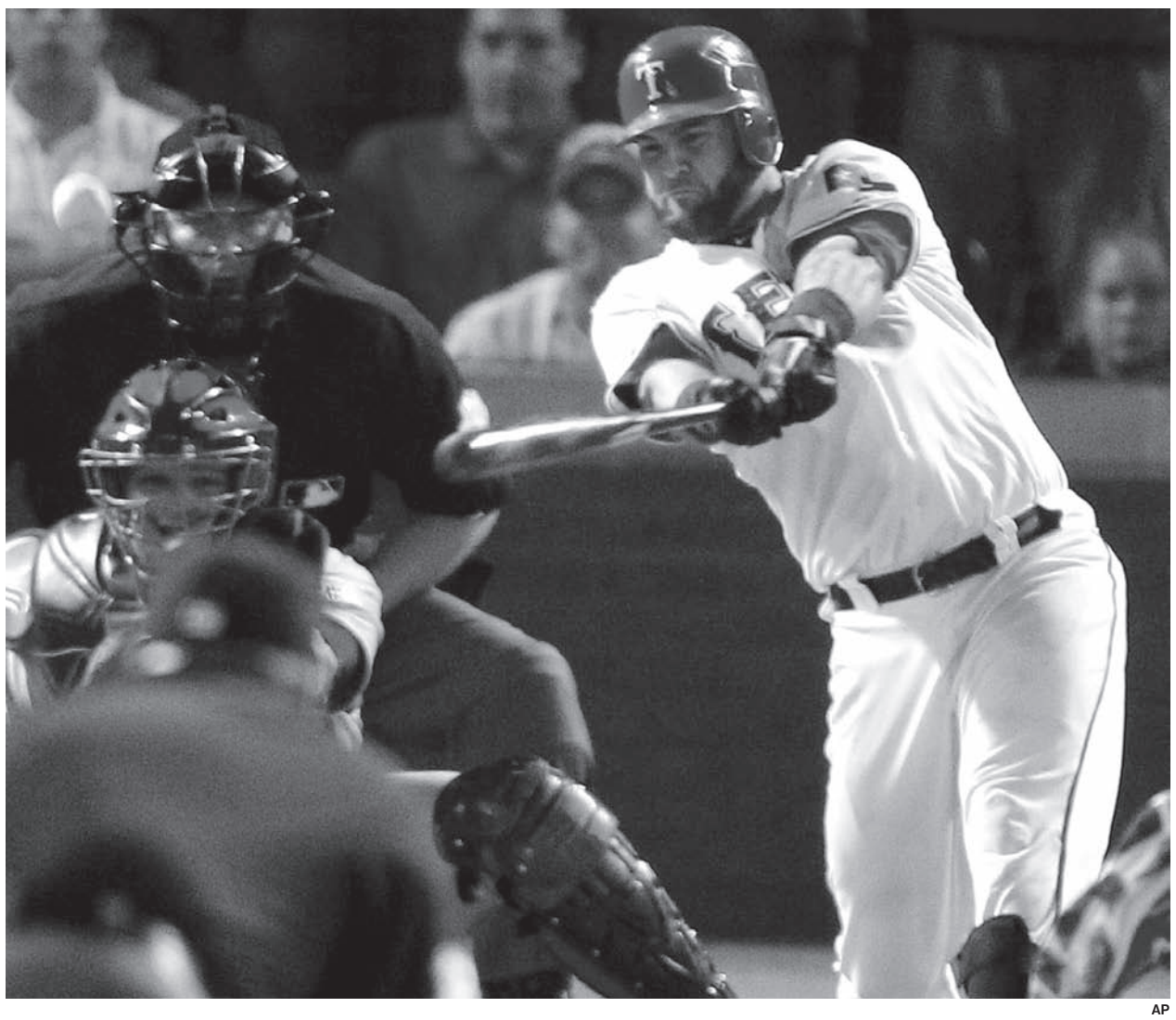
If the Rangers eventually do win that elusive crown, the Texas fans who stood and chanted Napoli's name may forever remember his two-run hit.

"Just trying to get something to the outfield, you know, get a sac fly, get that run across the board," Napoli said. "I was trying to stay short and I got a pitch I could handle over the middle of the plate and put it in the gap."

If the Cardinals lose, there's no doubt which play will stick with La Russa for a long, long time.

It was 2-all when Texas put runners on first and second with one out in the eighth, and Rzepczynski was summoned. David Murphy followed with a bouncer back to the mound, a possible inning-ending double play in the making.

But the ball appeared to glance off Rzepczynski's hand and trickled harmlessly away for a single that loaded the bases. In the dugout, La Russa immediately threw his hands to his head, a true "Oh, no!" moment.



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Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli hits a two-RBI double off St. Louis Cardinals' Marc Rzepczynski during the eighth inning of Game 5 of baseball's World Series Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

The mix-up then kept the lefty in to face the right-handed Napoli, and it didn't work.

Napoli, who came close to a three-run homer in his previous at-bat and hit a big homer in a Game 4 win, sent a drive up the alley against the pitcher with the nickname "Scrabble." The double off Rzepczynski sure spelled good things for Texas, with excitable manager Ron Washington waving the runners around from the dugout.

Darren Oliver earned the win and Neftali Feliz closed for his second save of the Series and sixth of the postseason.

Adrian Beltre and Mitch Moreland hit solo home runs off Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter, helping Texas come back from an early 2-0 deficit.

Later, it became a battle of the bullpens and Texas prevailed.

Octavio Dotel gave up a leadoff double to Young in the eighth, struck out Beltre and intentionally walked Nelson Cruz. That left it up to Rzepczynski, and the game quickly slipped away.

La Russa appeared stunned by the turnaround. Later in the eighth, because of the mix-up, he brought in Lynn and had him issue an intentional walk to the only batter he faced. Motte eventually ended the inning, but it was too late.

Fittingly, Napoli had a role in the final play. Lance Berkman struck out and the ball hit Napoli's shin guard and trickled up the first base line, where the catcher picked it up and tossed to first base to end the game.

Pujols drew three intentional walks, including a pass with two outs and none on in the seventh. The St. Louis slugger then nearly used his legs to put his team ahead.

Pujols was running hard on a 3-2 pitch that Matt Holliday hit for a single to left-center. Pujols chugged around the bags and third base coach Jose Oquendo initially waved him home, only to put up a late stop sign.

Would Pujols have been safe on shortstop Elvis Andrus' wide throw to the plate? Maybe. But it became moot when Berkman was intentionally walked to load the bases and David Freese flied out against Alexi Ogando.

Beltre's homer made it 2-all with two outs in the sixth. He dropped to one knee after following through on a meaty cut. He connected on a big curve from Carpenter, who had easily handled Josh Hamilton and Young to start the inning.

Beltre's other homers this October came in a bunch. He hit three in a first-round playoff game at Tampa Bay.

Napoli almost gave Texas a cushion later in the inning. With the crowd standing and chanting his name as "Nap-Oh-Lee" flashed on the scoreboard, the catcher's bid for a three-run homer was caught on the warning track in right-center field, just shy of the 407-foot mark.

The homer let Wilson avoid becoming the first pitcher to lose four times in a single postseason. The eccentric lefty who alternates red and blue gloves between starts had another uneven outing, working around five walks.

Wilson walked six while losing Game 1 to Carpenter and the Cardinals.

Moreland atoned for some glove woes with a home run in the third, hitting a drive halfway up the second deck in right field.

The Cardinals scored twice in the second, cashing in two leadoff walks sandwiched around a wild pitch.

Yadier Molina notched his fifth RBI of the Series with a single that left fielder Murphy overran and fumbled for an error. Skip Schumaker followed with an RBI grounder to first that Moreland boxed around, preventing any chance at a double play.

Murphy made a diving catch to end the inning, denying Nick Punto a run-scoring hit. Punto carried his bat all the way to first base and tried to break the wood by bending it over his right thigh.

Already ahead 2-0, the Cards threatened in the third after Wilson slipped coming off the mound trying to field Rafael Furcal's leadoff bunt and made a poor, backhanded flip that skittered past Moreland. But with runners at the corners, Wilson got Holliday to bounce into a quick double play. Not so surprising, really—Wilson induced the most DP grounders in the majors this year while St. Louis hit into an NL-record 169 double plays.

Holliday flied out with the bases loaded, after an intentional walk to Pujols, to finish the fifth.

Cardinals miss key pitches, signs, phone calls

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—The Cardinals couldn't get any key hits. Then again, they hardly got much right in a World Series game that turned slapstick for St. Louis.

Matt Holliday and Co. went 1 for 12 with runners in scoring position and their average was hardly much better with signs to baserunners and calls to the bullpen.

"It's not good to be down 3-2," Lance Berkman said after a 4-2 loss to the Texas Rangers on Monday night in which the Cardinals were done in by man and machine. "We'd rather be up 3-2, but we feel good."

Albert Pujols apparently called for a hit-and-run with the score 2-all in the seventh inning, then didn't swing as Allen Craig got caught stealing second.

What could have been an inning-ending, double-play grounder by David Murphy bounced off lefty Marc Rzepczynski and rolled toward second for an infield hit that brought up Mike Napoli with the bases loaded. His two-run double in the eighth put the Rangers ahead.

Pujols struck out in the ninth as Napoli threw out Craig trying to steal second again.

"We had chances but didn't come through," Pujols said. "Nothing you can do. Day off tomorrow and get ready to play on Wednesday."

And, it turns out, the Cardinals even botched their calls to the bullpen. Twice.

"It's a really tough loss because we had the opportunity to add the runs where you can make a mistake ... and you still win the game," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "So it's a very disappointing, frustrating loss."

On a night that was more Abbott & Costello than Tinker to Evers to Chance, the game will be remembered for a reach-out-and-touch-someone moment that La Russa would rather forget.

When he went to the mound to relieve Rzepczynski, he was shocked to find Lance Lynn had come in to pitch.

"I went, `Oh, what are you doing here?'" La Russa said.

So much for the email, text-message age. La Russa had called bullpen coach Derek Lilliquist to have Jason Motte start warming up. Lilliquist didn't hear La Russa correctly.

"I thought it was Lynn," Lilliquist said.

Was Napoli supposed to face Rzepczynski or Motte?

La Russa insisted it was Motte. Lilliquist said Rzepczynski would have faced Napoli anyway.

"It must be loud," La Russa said. "I give the fans credit."

When Murphy's grounder bounced away from Rzepczynski, La Russa lifted his blue hat right off his head, in amazement and frustration, arching his eyebrows.

This wasn't what he meant before the game when he said he would tip his cap to the Rangers if they proved to be the better team.

Yadier Molina hit an RBI single in the second and Skip Schumaker followed with a run-scoring groundout against C.J. Wilson as St. Louis built a 2-0 lead for Chris Carpenter.

But the Cardinals stranded 12 runners, leaving the bases loaded in the fifth and seventh.

Wilson pinned a runner at third in the third when Holliday grounded into an inning-ending double play, and the lefty got Holliday to ground out with the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth.

St. Louis left runners at second and third when Scott Feldman struck out Nick Punto to end the sixth. In the seventh, Craig walked with one out and Pujols apparently called for a hit-and-run on an 0-1 pitch.

He didn't swing, and Craig was thrown out.

"It was a mix-up, and that's all I'm going to say," was La Russa's explanation. "On our team, nobody gets thrown under the bus."

Jaguars shut down Ravens, win in prime time

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—As Maurice Jones-Drew walked off the field, his white pants had a mix of grass, dirt and blood stains. They might be worth keeping that way.

After all, few players have had that much success against that defense.

Jones-Drew ran for 105 yards, Josh Scobee kicked four field goals and the Jacksonville Jaguars snapped a five-game slide with a 12-7 victory over the Baltimore Ravens on Monday night.

"It finally feels good to win one after all those losses," said Jones-Drew, the first player to run for 100 yards against the Ravens since last December. "It was nice to show the world what we're about. We beat a very good team."

Stepping into the national spotlight for a few hours, the Jaguars used their best defensive effort in seven years to slow down Ray Rice, Joe Flacco and Co.

"You've got to give them credit. They played like it was their Super Bowl," Ravens receiver Anquan Boldin said.

The victory could be a turning point for a young team trying to create confidence after losing eight of its previous nine games. Instead of talk about coach Jack Del Rio's job security, the Jaguars (2-5) got back in the mix in the wide-open AFC South.

"We knew this was an opportunity to right things and gain a little respect," Del Rio said.

They relied on Jones-Drew and the defense to get it done.

Jacksonville didn't allow a first down until the 5:26 mark of the third quarter, a mix of stout defense and inept offense. Flacco finally got the Ravens (4-2) on the scoreboard with a little more than two minutes remaining. He capped a 90-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Boldin.

The Ravens failed to recover an onside kick when the ball bounced inches short of going the required 10 yards. Scobee followed with his third field goal of at least 50 yards, tying an NFL record held by many.

"As long as I'm getting those opportunities, I will gladly take them," Scobee said. "Given that we haven't scored a lot of points this season, I know that every time I'm out there it's very important."

Baltimore had a final possession, but in fitting fashion, Jacksonville's defense came up big. Drew Coleman stepped in front of Ed Dickson and intercepted Flacco's final pass.

The Ravens finished with 146 total yards, the fewest yards the Jaguars have allowed since 2004.

"They basically beat us with their defense," coach John Harbaugh said. "I don't think it was any one thing. It was a lack of execution. It's almost as bad as you can play on offense."

The Jaguars set a franchise record by allowing only 16 yards in the first half, including 1 yard passing by Flacco, who was under relentless pressure for much of the night.

"We need to make sure when we're not on our 'A' game, we're not this," said Flacco, who completed 21 of 38 passes for 137 yards.

Baltimore finally got a first down on its 28th play of the game when Rice broke off a 12-yard run. That was only the second play longer than 10 yards for the Ravens.

"We were confident about this game," Jaguars defensive tackle Terrance Knighton said. "We knew we had to outplay them. The difference between this and the other weeks is that we started fast. Our defense is capable of that. That's why we hold ourselves to a high standard. We just needed to taste victory. Now that we have, we're going to keep it rolling."

The teams combined to go 0 of 16 on third-down conversions in the opening half. The Jaguars began the third quarter with six first downs, only for the Ravens defense to stiffen after yet another mistake.

The Ravens stopped Jacksonville, but Brendon Ayanbadejo was called for a personal foul and ejected from the game when he punched Guy Whimper in the facemask after the play. That gave the Jaguars first-and-goal from the 3, but Blaine Gabbert failed to complete two passes in the end zone and Scobee kicked a 22-yard field goal.

An earlier field goal was set up by another Baltimore blunder.

After Gabbert completed passes of 24 and 11 yards to the Ravens 38, Gabbert was sacked on third-and-8 at the 40. The Jaguars chose to punt, but Paul Kruger was penalized for running into the kicker. The 5-yard penalty put Scobee in field goal range, putting the Jaguars up 6-0 with a 54-yard kick.

Scobee, who extended his franchise record with a field goal for the 15th straight game, kicked two 54-yarders.

Jacksonville needed every yard and point it could muster. The NFL's worst offense put the game on Jones-Drew's shoulders. He carried 30 times, most of them right into the middle of Baltimore's revered defense.

"We just grinded them," Gabbert said. "Mojo's a beast back there."

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Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blaine Gabbert throws a pass against the Baltimore Ravens during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, in Jacksonville, Fla.

IndyCar drivers, officials discuss safety issues

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—IndyCar drivers and officials debated how to make open-wheel racing safer Monday. Now comes the hard part: turning talk into action.

More than a dozen IndyCar drivers met for three hours with series CEO Randy Bernard and Brian Barnhart, the series' president of competition, about preventing another fatal accident.

The meeting came eight days after two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon was killed in a fiery, 15-car crash in the season finale at Las Vegas and less than 48 hours after he was buried in his adopted hometown of St. Petersburg, Florida.

"How we react to this is critical, and we're very encouraged with what happened today in terms of ideas," four-time IndyCar champ Dario Franchitti said. "Finger-pointing is not going to do any good at all, and we're all unified going forward in one direction."

Although those inside the meeting room declined to share specifics, the discussion was expected to cover everything from tracks used by the series to new Plexiglas catch fences to putting canopies over the drivers' open cockpits.

IndyCar does have time to consider potential changes because it won't race again for six months.

"We're not going to make motor racing 100 percent safe, that's a fact," Tony Kanaan said. "But there are things that we can do, hopefully, to make it better, make it safer."

AP

IndyCar drivers Tony Kanaan, left, of Brazil, and Dario Franchitti, of Scotland, talk about discussions held during a drivers meeting at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Monday, Oct. 24, 2011

IndyCar's investigation of the accident is ongoing.

In a statement released by the series Monday, CEO Randy Bernard said the series "needs to understand everything possible" about the crash.

A team of series safety and competition officials is evaluating the data and will use independent experts and consultants to analyze aspects of the data, according to IndyCar. The investigation results then will be turned over to a third-party group for validation, series officials said.

Investigators are reviewing accident data recorders from the 15 cars involved in the wreck, as well as their accelerometers, firesuits, helmets, video footage, photos, post-crash reports and data from timing and scoring.

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But drivers want other assurances, too.

"We have to take it to the next level of safety," said Davey Hamilton, who sustained severe foot and ankle injuries in a serious crash in 2001 at Texas. "One thing I've seen in Dario, Tony and Justin (Wilson) is that they've unified us. I think they're doing it in a very positive way. It's about what's best for the series and what's best for the drivers."

Franchitti and Kanaan, two of Wheldon's closest friends, were in town for his memorial Sunday, then stayed to participate in the drivers meeting.

"I feel responsible for all the drivers here," Franchitti said. "Everything is on the table, and I think today was a very productive discussion."

Wheldon's fatal crash culminated a season in which drivers voiced several concerns.

Whether it was radiation issues at the series' final Japan race, a botched restart on a wet New Hampshire track, inconsistent penalty calls or a series of pit road tangles, drivers and team officials repeatedly voiced concerns.

The first complaints emerged in January when Bernard announced the series would use double-file restarts, a staple on the Cup circuit for several years.

IndyCar drivers, some of whom had Cup experience, contended it couldn't work in a series where bump-and-run tactics create a dangerous racing environment. But after some early wrecks, drivers and series officials figured it out.

Mamiko, Jack live up to expectations

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Picking the winners in last Saturday's 2011 Saipan Radar Run was a no-brainer with the island's top runners Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Mamiko Oshima-Berger making it first to the finish line of the weekend event.

Kabiriel ruled the men's division race after completing the 4.7-mile run in 37 minutes and 32 seconds. Oshima-Berger came in at second overall and first in the women's division with a time of 38:44.

Though Kabiriel failed to surpass his 2010 winning time (35:23) in the inaugural Saipan Radar Run, he was happy that this time he finished the race.

"In my previous run at the SIS event in Banzai, I wasn't able to finish due to an asthma attack. It took me a few weeks of rest and medication to go back to my running routine. In the Radar race, I was kind of worried I won't finish again, so I slowed down a bit going up to the course and only stepped up on my way back to the finish line," Kabiriel said.

The veteran runner finished only three minutes and 20 seconds ahead of runner-up Ronald Villafria, who also took a break from running and the Radar run was his first in about a year. Chad Lowe completed the Top 3 with a time of 44:26.

In the women's division, Oshima-Berger this timed topped her race after a bridesmaid finish to good fried, Mieko Carey last year. Oshima-Berger arrived at the finish line at Paupau Beach about 11 minutes ahead of runner-up Kim Young (49:12). Roxie Lamar and Irma Halaby crossed the finish line together and shared third place after submitting identical times of 55:16.

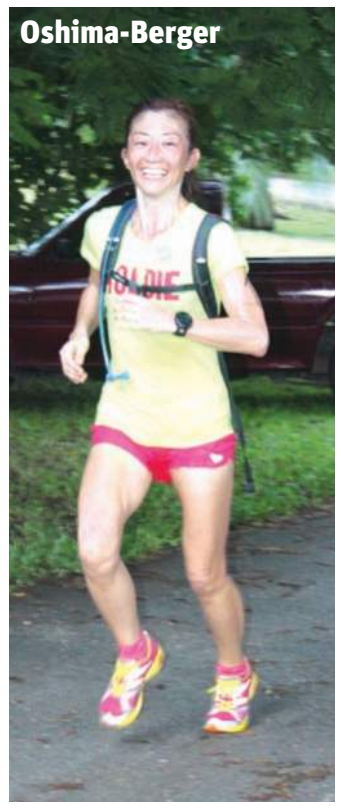
Oshima-Berger ran about nine miles the same morning the Radar race took place and still had enough juice to complete the event.

"It was a beautiful race with the weather nice and a bit cold," said Oshima-Berger, who eclipsed her 2010 time (39:27).

Other finishers of the race that started and ended at Paupau Beach with runners heading up to Saipan Radar in As Matuis were Joshua Berger (55:20), Mahesh Balakrishna (48:00), Ho Joon Joo (50:51), Walter Yu (57:00), Ben Babauta (55:45), Kaisei Toda (56:41), Jaime Martinez (1:03:46), Matt Burns (57:21), Fred Camacho (52:26), and Max Simian (51:17).

Medals and other gifts were awarded to the Top 3 male and female finishers.

Meanwhile, race organizer Brad Ruszala would like to thank the following for supporting the event: IT&E, Triple J Super Fresh Market, XTERRA Saipan, Taga Inc., Brabu Pharmacy, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Marianas Visitors Authority, MHS Honor Society, and DYS.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3 schools off to strong starts as X-Country commences

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Saipan Community School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Marianas High School dominated their respective divisions in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's All-School's X-Country season opener held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

The season is set to pick up on Nov. 5 at the Civic Center Basketball Court; registration takes place at 3pm and the races start at 4pm.

SCS' Jason Sablan and John Hong finished first and second in the U8 boys 2-kilometer race, while SIS' Khush Daryanani settled for third place.

Sablan posted a time of 9:04, Hong 9:23, and Daryanani 12:23.

SCS' Michael Lee and Vincent Tudela topped the 2-km in the boys U10, ahead of third place runner Jeter Jenkins of SIS.

Lee's mark of 9:23 led the bunch ahead of teammate Tudela's 9:39, while Jenkins crossed the finish line at 10:02.

Lone girls U10 competitor Joshalyn Flores, of Garapan Elementary School, ran the 2-km course in 9:56.

HJHS's Djamarch Ong beat out seven other U12 boys runners with a time of 14:26 in the 4-km.

SCS' Elnathan Wong (15:30) and Carl Dela Cruz (17:00) finished second and third, respectively.

SCS swept the podium in the U12 girls division. Tammy Ackerman led a field of five with a strong time of 15:32, ahead of teammates Seung Yeon Han (20:06) and Shirley Qian (20:42).

HJHS then swept the boys U14 podium in the 4-km race as Berneil Taisacan led a group of seven with a time of 14:27. His teammates Juan DeLeon Guerrero (15:07) and Joshua Mendiola (15:30) finished second and third, respectively.

Notably, lone girls U14 competitor Rumina Litulumar, of HJHS, finished the same course ahead of the boys in 13:18.

MHS was the only school present for the U18 boys division. Of the nine-man team, Michael Mancao, Charles Bautista, and Frank Gu finished in the Top 3. Mancao led the pack with a time of 20:24, Bautisata came in second with a 20:37, and Gu rounded out the third spot with a 23:30.

MHS also dominated the girls U18 field as all eight of its runners finished ahead of a trio of SIS Lady Geckos.

In the end, MHS' Chris Obaldo, Clarisse Cayabyan, and Shane Fabiana finished 1-2-3 with their respective times of 28:35, 31:01, and 31:23.

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Games in Shenzhen, China, and the FINA World Championships in Shanghai last summer, also raced in the 200y medley relay and 100 yard breaststroke events against Berkeley

In the 200y medley relay, Wong was on UH-Manoa Team C and joined forces with Lazar Bogdanovski, Mitchell Reed, and Trey Herbert. The CNMI swimmer did the breaststroke part of the medley relay and completed his lap in 26.70 seconds. The group timed in at 1:37.83 for seventh place.

In the 100y breaststroke, Wong also placed seventh after timing in at 59.79 seconds.

Wong's team won six of the 16 events against University of California Berkeley and lost in points, 135-154.

From Berkeley, Wong and company traveled the next day to Palo Alto to face Stanford University.

Against Stanford, the UH-Manoa sophomore swam in the 200y breaststroke and finished second behind Sharify with the former submitting 2:04.85 against the latter's 2:04.51. Wong also competed in the 400y IM and placed fourth with a time of 4:05.27.

In the relay, Wong suited up for the Warriors' Team A and he and teammates Ali Maclean, Reed, and Herbert timed in at 3:35.66 in the 400y medley relay for sixth place. Stanford went on to win the dual meet, 150-81.

UH-Manoa's next tournament will be the Arena Swimming Invitational in Long Beach California set from Nov. 16 to 19.

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each in the first half. Maas made the twin goals in a span of eight minutes, while Lee lit up the scoreboard past the halfway mark of the first frame, and Tawanpiy added one more goal 30 seconds before the halftime break.

In the second half, goalie Don Cabrera switched to the forward spot and found the back of the net with only five minutes gone by in the final frame for Paire's commanding 5-0 lead. Paire's sixth and final goal came from Hunter Jewell, who scored in the 69th minute.

BOYS U15
Paire 5, Shirley's 2 0

Paire's U15 team duplicated the U18's feat after blanking the all-female Shirley's 2.

Scott Kim put Paire in the scoreboard early with his goal in the eighth minute and Jeff Cheon also hit a goal in the first half (36th minute) for their 2-0 halftime lead.

Paire's three goals in the second half were made in a span of five minutes. First, Cheon notched his second goal in the 50th minute and two minutes later, Jewell also scored for Paire's U15 squad. Three minutes after Jewell's goal, Brian Lee eluded his defender and gave Paire its fifth goal.

Paire improved to a 2-0-2 win-draw-loss record, while Shirley's 2 fell to a 0-0-4 card.

MP United 1 15,
Shirley's 1 0

MP United A gave Shirley's Football Club double black eye after also posting a shutout win over Shirley's 1.

Six different players scored in MP United 1's demolition of Shirley's 1. Leading the list was Dakota Hall, who had a hat-trick for MP United 1. Jordan Butcher, Ryota Ito, and Jehn Joyner logged two goals apiece, while Angelo Jones, Jake Lee, Enrico Villanueva, and John Taisacan added one each.

MP United 1 is still undefeated after five games and will go for a sweep of the first round against a much-improved Tan Holdings squad this weekend.

Tan Holdings 3,
MP United 2 3

The third boys U15 game at the Oleai pitch between Tan Holdings and MP United 2 ended in a draw.

The draw snapped Tan Holdings' three-game winning streak and put the team in second place. MP United 2 dropped from fourth to fifth with its 1-2-1 slate.

Tanapon Unsa scored the two goals for Tan Holdings, while Dan Deric Ibarra recorded the other goal. Chris Park also collected two goals for MP United 2, which drew one goal from Daniel Lim.

GIRLS U15
Shirley's 1, Matansa 0

Over at the San Antonio Elementary School Field, Shirley's handed Matansa its first loss in four games.

Jeraldine Castillo nailed the lone goal in the game, giving Shirley's the lead in the five-team field with its 3-1-0 card. Matansa fell to second with its 3-0-1 record.

The other game at the San Antonio pitch saw Tan Holdings battle MP United in a scoreless draw. Tan Holdings is still winless in four matches, while MP United has only one victory so far.

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fourth period, but a late 3-pointer by IT&E's Angelo Factor helped force five minutes of bonus basketball. The score ended up tied at 24-all after the fourth quarter bell.

Then after being kept in check in the entire second half, IT&E's C.J. Morales caught fire with five clutch points in the fourth period, including a buzzer beater trey from the top of the key to force a second overtime.

In the second extra period, however MBI finally pulled it together and started to make all of the close shots under the basket that they were missing earlier in the game.

IT&E was held to just two points in the second overtime, but all things considered, the team can easily chalk up the game as a moral victory.

MBI may have escaped with the win, but has a load of improvements to make if they expect to compete on a high-level at the Take Care Thanksgiving Hoopfest in Guam.

In the last pairing, Kunoichi shot out of the gate to a 13-7 lead in the opening period.

Kunoichi's defense continued to show promise, holding Party Rockers to just four points in the second quarter as they jumped ahead, 20-11, at the pause.

Glorily Williams led Kunoichi with six points that was complimented by a couple of 3-pointers in the first half.

Kunoichi's defense showed no mercy and stuffed Party Rockers to just four markers again in the third quarter, while a handful of Kunoichi players tallied a daunting, 34-15, margin after three quarters. The game was well out of reach by the start of the last period.

Kunoichi's Williams turned in a game-high 12 points, while Rachel Abrams led Party Rockers with a dismal eight markers.

First Game

Docomo 55– Camacho 11, Factor 10, Feria 8, Pangelinan 7, Floresca 6, Tuba 6, Iglesias 6, Cadiang 4, Malonzo 3.

Ol'Aces 35 – Salano 7, Cruz 6, Dela Cruz 6, Ocaya 6, Ellama 4, Alfred 2, Pascual 2, Tadeo 2.

Second Game

MBI 43 – Cano 14, Darag 9, Regis 7, Zion 4, Battung 3, Cadua 2, DeLuna 2, Fidelino 2.

IT&E 31 – Morales 12, Feria 6, A Factor 3, Rios 3, Abobo 2, Cruz 2, Francisco 2, Arnog 1.

Scoring by quarters: 4-4, 7-9, 14-14, 24-24, 29-29 (1OT), 43-31 (2OT).

Third Game

Kunoichi 43 – Williams 12, Alegre 8, Mendoza 6, Pagarao 5, Mesa 4, Castillo 3, Joseph 3, Mettao 2.

Party Rockers 23 – Abrams 8, Lebria 6, Gozon 4, Castillo 2, Johnson 2, Ito 1.

Scoring by quarters: 13-7, 20-11, 34-15, 43-23.

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in its first match and improved its win-loss record to 4-3 after rallying against the QT's, 16-25, 25-17, 15-10.

It was a so-so chain of events for the QT's which pulled out a nice win over sister team Awesome Fins on Saturday, before being swept by second-ranked Saipan International School (6-1), 18-25, 17-25, and 12-15 on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Grace Christian Academy Eagles moved into the top spot after dethroning SIS, two sets to one, over the weekend.

Then on Monday, GCA improved its unbeaten streak to seven in a row after brushing off MHS' winless KFC Fins (0-7) in all three sets, 25-10, 25-17, and 15-4.

The season continues at the MHS Gym at 4pm today with SIS taking on SSHS on the north court, while the Awesome Fins square off against the QT's on the south end. Then at 5pm, KHS takes on the KFC Fins on the north side, while SIS tries to settle the score with GCA on the south court.

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Rezne wins IM race in season debut

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Rezne Wong, right, seen here racing in the 2011 World University Games in Shenzhen, China, won the 200y individual medley race in a dual meet against 2011 NCAA champion University of California Berkeley this month.

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Micronesian Games Outstanding Male Athlete Rezne Wong started his campaign in the 2011-2012 season of the NCAA Division 1 swimming competition on a positive note after ruling an individual medley race mid this month.

Wong and his University of Hawaii-Manoa swim team debuted in the 2011-2012 season with a dual meet against the 2011 champions University of California Berkeley on Oct. 13 at the Spieker Aquatics Complex in Berkeley with the CNMI tanker giving the Rainbow Warriors nine points for topping the 200y IM race.

The 20-year-old Wong completed the event in 1:54.15 to beat three other swimmers in the finals. Wong finished ahead of teammates Luca Mazzurana (1:55.00), Jose Gonzales (1:57.66), and Perry Sharify (158.15).

Wong, who represented the CNMI in the World University

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Paire shuts out Matansa in U18

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Paire regrouped after a loss in Week 3, whipping Matansa, 6-0, in the boys U18 division of the 2011 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The win was the third in four games for Paire, putting the team back in the lead and a game ahead of defending champion MP United. Matansa remained winless in three games.

Evert Van Der Maas scored back-to-back goals for Paire, while Bryan Lee and Timothy Tawanpiy contributed one

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Paire Football Club's Timothy Tawanpiy, second left, gets ready for a header against Matansa during their game in the boys U18 division of the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MBI survives IT&E in double OT

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Rollers Basketball Club's Micronesian Brokers, Inc. fended off scrappy sister team IT&E Rollers after catching its second wind in double overtime of Monday's Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U15 matchup at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

In other results, the Docomo Rollers breezed past the Ol'Aces in the curtain raiser, 55-35; and Kuniochi busted the Party Rockers, 43-23, in the late tip. Notably, the quarterscores of Docomo's victory were not recorded.

MBI's John Darag stretches out to convert on a fastbreak layup in Monday's U15 Rotary matchup against IT&E at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

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However, William Camacho and Prince Factor combined for 21 points in the game.

The playoffs kick off tonight at 4:30pm with NMC Proa against Kunoichi followed at 5:30pm with Docomo Rollers taking on IT&E Rollers.

Tonight's winner will advance to play each other in Friday's finals after the consolation match.

Both MBI and IT&E struggled to find the mark early on as it was deadlocked at 4-all after the opening eight minutes.

It remained prominently a defensive match, however IT&E managed a two-point lead, 9-7, at halftime.

After the break, MBI's John Cano scrambled for five points late in the third quarter to knot up the count at 14-all heading into the final period of regulation.

Although MBI had experience, height, and power, underdog IT&E found an answer to everything that was thrown at them.

MBI's Perez Regis delivered a handful of markers in the

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Ayuyus bounce back with 4 straight wins in volleyball

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After starting its season with three straight losses, Kagman High School finally broke into the win column four times as the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization boys volleyball season continued at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

KHS swept Saipan Southern High School (2-4) on Friday and rolled on against MHS' KFC (0-6) Fins on Saturday.

Then on Monday, KHS went through both MHS' Awesome Fins (2-5) and QT's (3-4) squads.

KHS swept the Awesome Fins, 25-10, 25-17, and 15-7

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James Libut, of top-ranked Grace Christian Academy, leaps up for a spike in Monday's MISO boys volleyball match against Marianas High School's KFC Fins at the MHS Gymnasium.